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## Celebrate World Refugee Day with JFS

*Cindy Klein, special to the WJN*

World Refugee Day is Friday, June 20. Jewish Family Services will host an event at the University of Michigan School of Social Work in the Educational Conference Center. The building is located at 1080 South University Avenue. The community is invited to attend.

The day will begin at 11 a.m. with a discussion of refugee services and issues. At noon, the family-friendly celebration will begin and will run until 3 p.m. There will be activities for children and adults, delicious food, and music from around the world. Learn about the contributions refugees and immigrants bring to the community as well as about the services JFS provides to these families. Refugees will also share the personal stories of their journey to Washtenaw County. Everyone is invited to join JFS in welcoming these refugees and celebrating their successes.

JFS will also be accepting donations for the resettlement department so that the agency can continue to provide the necessary items to successfully resettle refugee clients in Washtenaw County. Contact JFS staff, Shrina Patel or Kate Papachristou at 769-0209 if you have any questions or concerns. ■

**Resettled families at the JFS Lunch**

## Frankel Center salutes faculty authors

*Yaffa Klugerman, special to the Washtenaw Jewish News*

The complexity of translating Yiddish literature, interviews with Ukrainian Jews, and the ways that rabbis looked, literally, at various objects. These are some of the diverse topics covered in 10 new publications authored by faculty of University of Michigan's Jean & Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, who were recently saluted at the center's annual book party.

"The range of publications is enormous," remarked Deborah Dash Moore, director of the Frankel Center and Frederick G.L. Huetwell professor of history, "from scholarly collections of articles on Yiddish writers, to innovative studies of visuality among the rabbis, to medieval narratives of conversion. And then there is a CD of music of Italian Jewish Holocaust victims and a book in Polish on Yiddish theater by a graduate student. What a rich array!"

In all, the Frankel Center honored nine faculty authors, some of whom will appear again at this November's Jewish Book Festival at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

Jeffrey Veidlinger, who serves as Joseph Brodsky collegiate professor of history and Judaic studies, talked about his journey and interviews with about 400 Ukrainian Jews—the subjects of his book, *In the Shadow of the Shtetl: Small-Town Jewish Life in Soviet Ukraine* (Indiana University Press). Ultimately, his experience left him inspired by the Ukrainian Jews' perseverance, hope, and the strength that their Jewish identity provided.

**Jeffrey Veidlinger**

**Rachel Neis**

**Ryan Szpiech**

Professor of Rabbinic Literature Rachel Neis, who is also associate professor of Judaic studies and history, presented her book, *The Sense of Sight in Rabbinic Culture: Jewish Ways of Seeing in Late Antiquity* (Cambridge University Press). Her publication focuses on the significance of the visual in rabbinic culture, and some of the ways rabbis understood what it meant to see. She argues that rabbis developed a regime of looking alongside other religious practices.

Ryan Szpiech, associate professor of Spanish and Judaic studies, explored the use of narrative with regards to conversion during medieval times in his *Conversion and Narrative: Reading and Religious Authority in Medieval Polemic* (University of Pennsylvania Press). Szpiech researched many compelling first-person accounts, some from the Cairo Geniza, which focused on rejecting one faith and embracing another.

Other faculty authors and their publications included Anita Norich, *Writing in Tongues: Translating Yiddish in the 20th Century* (University of Washington Press); Gabriele Boccaccini, *Fourth Ezra and Second Baruch: Reconstruction After the Fall* (Brill); Jana Mazurkiewicz, *Death or Resurrection: Contemporary Yiddish Theater in Europe on Historical Background* (Professor Janusz Degler); Mikhail Krutikov, *Joseph Opatoshu: A Yiddish Writer Between Europe and America* and *Uncovering the Hidden: The Works and Life of Der Nister* (both published by Legenda); Jindrich Toman, who edited Roman Jakobson's *Selected Writings, Vol. IX* (Mouton de Gruyter), and Caroline Helton's CD, *L'Infinito: Songs From a Lost World of Italian Jewish Composers 1910–1945* (Equilibrium).

The annual Frankel Center book party began in 2008, when Dash Moore was amazed by the number of excellent and diverse publications that were authored by the center's faculty.

"I decided that we should celebrate such creativity and scholarship," she said. "Then, the following year, there was another great batch of books, so it became a tradition. To end the term, we gather all of the books published in the past 12 months and throw a party." ■

## JCC to host Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan, July 9

*Noreen DeYoung, special to the WJN*

Each year the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan spends a day entertaining and educating the campers at Camp Raanana, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's summer day camp for children entering grades K–8. The evening after spending the day at camp, the Israel Scouts perform for the entire community

**Israel Scouts**

at the JCC. This summer the Israeli Scouts will return to visit Camp Raanana on July 9. The entire community is invited to the JCC the evening of July 9 for the Israeli Scouts' free performance at 7 p.m. The evening will start at 6 p.m. with an optional pizza dinner. The cost for the pizza dinner is $5 per person. Reservations for the dinner are required by Monday, July 14. Registration forms will be available at www.jccannarbor.org and at the JCC.

The Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan is part of a larger delegation of approximately 100 teenage scouts who travel to North America each summer to represent the land of Israel. Using song, dance, and storytelling, the Israel Scouts celebrate the Jewish heritage and bring the sights and sounds of Israel to life.

Host families are needed to host the members of the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan for two nights, Tuesday, July 8, and Wednesday, July 9. Anyone interested in hosting can contact Noreen De Young at noreendeyoung@jccfed.org or 971-0990. ■

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# Community

## Memoir Writing Seminar with Ilana Blumberg

*Karen Freedland, special to the WJN*

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor are co-sponsoring a writing seminar, "Writing Memoir: Stories Worth Telling," with prize-winning author, Ilana Blumberg, on Wednesday, June 18, 6–9 p.m. Beginners and practiced writers are welcome to join Blumberg for an evening of writing and reading memoir.

Some of the most exciting contemporary literature is personal essay. This seminar will look at two examples and give participants the opportunity to practice writing their own real-life stories with guidance and feedback. Whether participants wish to write for themselves, their families, or a larger audience, this seminar will provide the tools for bringing one's own experiences to life on the page.

Blumberg is the author of *Houses of Study: a Jewish Woman Among Books*, which won the Sami Rohr Choice Award and was runner-up for the National Jewish Book Award. Blumberg teaches humanities and Jewish studies at Michigan State University where she won the university's Teacher-Scholar Award in 2011. She has taught creative writing in both Israel and America. Register by June 4 at the cost of $55; after June 4, the fee will increase to $65. A minimum of 10 participants is required for the workshop. For more information or to register, call the JCC at 971-0990 or email karenfreedland@jccfed.org. ■

**Ilana Blumberg**

## Sarah Hong joins JFS as director of family life education

*Cindy Klein, special to the WJN*

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County was recently awarded a Community Impact Grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor to help restore its Jewish Family Life Education programming.

**Sarah Hong**

"Family Life Education had been put on hold so we could put all of our resources into providing direct client services during the economic crisis," said JFS Executive Director Anya Abramzon. "We are so thankful to the community for acknowledging the need for these programs with their votes, and to the Federation for funding not only our project, but all of the valuable projects supported by Community Impact Grants."

JFS hired Sarah Schneider Hong, LMSW, in April 2014 as the director of Jewish Family Life Education and Outreach. Hong is especially interested in how families cultivate and incorporate Jewish wisdom, values, traditions and rituals into modern family life. She looks forward to partnering with the community to build programming on important family issues to reduce individual and family stress and strengthen quality of life.

Hong earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University and her master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. Hong has an extensive background in behavioral health education. She has designed and delivered educational programming nationally, including but not limited to, programming at the University of Michigan Health System, for the United States Army, and for the University of California San Francisco and Kaiser Permanente. Hong is a clinically licensed social worker will also be providing direct counseling services at JFS.

Check www.jfsannarbor.org and sign up for the JFS e-blast to hear about future Family Life programs. For additional information, call JFS at 769-0209. ■

## JFS benefits from Local Giving Day

*Rosemary Frenza Chudnof, special to the WJN*

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County has announced that it raised $44,172 in donations on a single day of fundraising on May 6, 2014.

JFS was one of 50 local non-profit organizations selected by the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation to participate in Give Local Ann Arbor Area, the Foundation's one-day fundraising event created to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Donors visited a special website created by the Foundation, and, between midnight and 11:59 p.m. on May 6, chose JFS from a list of participating organizations and made credit card donations directly. The Foundation matched each organization's donations, up to $10,000 each.

"Because of the potential to have their gifts matched, many of our loyal donors chose to save their annual gift until May 6," says Anya Abramzon, JFS executive director, adding that the agency was very pleased to have greatly exceeded its goal of $10,000 from individual donors. Abramzon continued, "We are very grateful to everyone who took time out of their day on May 6 to make a donation."

JFS has earmarked its Give Local funds to support its thriving Older Adult Services programs, which include counseling, home visits, care planning, crisis intervention, and transportation. JFS is also home to the Partners in Care (PiCC) program, which provides volunteers to provide support for older adults while attending medical appointments. ■

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## JFS and JCC series on "Issues for Aging"

*Cindy Klein, special to the WJN*

The educational "Issues for Aging" series sponsored by Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will continue this summer with two more events. The series focuses on situations that may affect older adults as well as those who are caregivers for an older adult.

"Understanding Depression, Memory Loss and Dementia in Older Adults" will be held on Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m., at the JCC. Most people know someone who is experiencing memory loss, but don't know the reason why. Is depression a normal occurrence for an older adult? Is memory loss an indicator of dementia? Stephen M. Aronson, MD, from St. Joseph Mercy Health System, will talk about these concerns, with an emphasis on the current "dementia epidemic" in the United States. Dr. Aronson is a geriatric psychiatrist, and the medical director of inpatient psychiatry at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor.

"Why Should I Have an Advance Directive?" will be held Wednesday, July 16, at 7 p.m., at the JCC. People associate advance directive documents with decisions made near the end-of-life for older adults. Yet, ideally, these documents should be developed while a person is healthy, and can be completed by anyone over the age of 18. Diane L. Fenske, LMSW, Older Adult Services Coordinator of JFS, will discuss why advance directives are so important for all adults, and will provide attendees with a document they can complete and utilize immediately.

**Stephen M. Aronson, MD**

These 90-minute informational sessions are free of charge, and open to the community. Register by contacting Diane Fenske at 769-0209 or diane@jfsannarbor.org. ■

## Summer to bring renovations and innovations to JCC

*Clara Silver, special to the WJN*

Over the summer the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will undergo some changes to its building and programs. Renovations are planned which will update and improve the appearance and function of the facility, including major changes to the Early Childhood Center. Beginning in September, ECC families will find a new interior entrance to the ECC, a new ECC office suite, "Kid Zone" activity space, and security doors. Within the ECC, all hallways will be carpeted, several rooms will receive a face lift and the infant/toddler classrooms will be completely renovated, creating a vibrant, welcoming space equipped to provide the highest standard of care for the youngest members of the community.

Camp Raanana will also see some additions this summer, including newly renovated bathrooms and a new Ga Ga pit so children can play this popular Israeli form of dodgeball. Ethan Krasnow, director of youth, camp and scouting, proclaims that, "The kids are going ga-ga for Ga Ga." JCC staff hope that the fresh and modern space being created at the JCC will increase the number of *b'nai mitzvah, brit milah, simchat bat*, graduation, birthdays, and other family and private events being held at the JCC. For more information on the changes happening at the JCC and how you can help support the JCC, contact Jeff Baden, executive director, at jeffbaden@jccfed.org or 971-0990. ■

**The Jewish Communal Leadership Program celebrated their 2014 M.S.W. graduates who received their Certificates in Jewish Communal Leadership at a ceremony at the University of Michigan School of Social Work on May 2, 2014. From left to right: JCLP Director Karla Goldman, JCLP students Sarah McEwan (2014 grad), Max Glick, P'ninah Kanai, Avital Ostfield (2014 grad), Emily Meister, Samantha Cutler (2014 grad), Robert Siporin (2014 grad), and JCLP Program Manager Andrea Siegel.**

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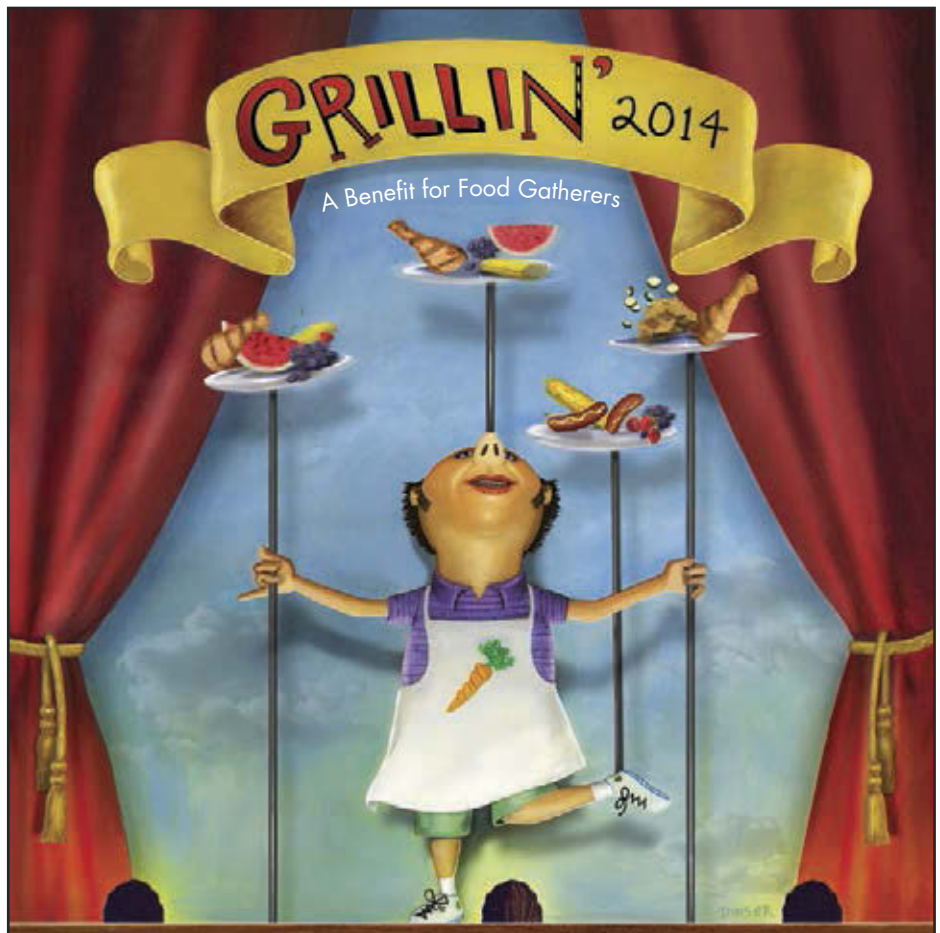


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# Federation allocates $1,440,000

*David Shtulman, special to the WJN*

The board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor approved allocations of $1,440,000 on May 12, an increase of $30,000 over the prior year. The allocations included two new programs in Israel, increased support for the Jews of the Ukraine, and increases for most local agencies and programs. This is the second consecutive year that allocations have been increased.

### The allocations process

The allocations process began in early March with a series of site visits to each of the local Federation beneficiaries. The purpose of these meetings is to have the beneficiaries discuss how their programs support the mission of the Federation to strengthen Jewish life throughout the community. On March 19, all participants in the site visit process came together and shared what they learned, thus creating a single comprehensive overview of the Jewish communal services funded by Federation at this point in time.

During the final week of March, each beneficiary submitted a written proposal for funding that includes program descriptions, full budgetary information, organizational structure and names of key staff and board members. The materials were collated into binders and distributed to the members of the allocations committee.

In mid-April, each applicant made a formal presentation to the allocations committee in support of their allocation request.

On May 1, the Annual Campaign closed at $1,440,000, a $30,000 increase over 2013, and the allocations committee, consisting of 12 people with Debra Chopp as committee chair and Neal Blatt as co-chair, met to recommend distributions for the coming year.

### Donor designations

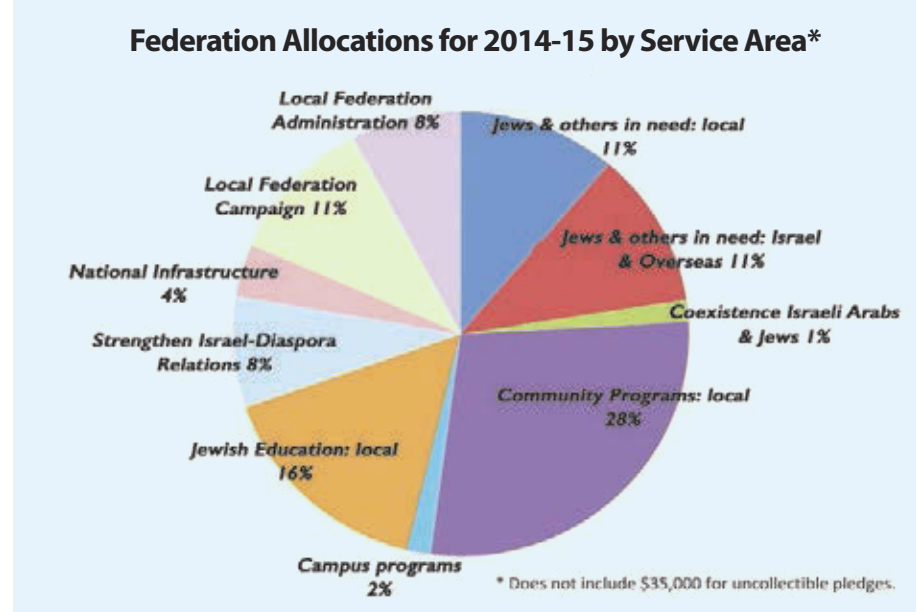
While most donors simply give to the annual campaign, donors who wish to do so have the option to designate their contributions for local or overseas use. Of the amount going overseas, they can also make certain designations. One cannot designate local gifts to specific local agencies. In order to assure donors that their wishes are respected, before the committee begins the allocations process the designated dollars from the allocable pool are removed.

For the 2014 annual campaign, donors designated a total of $12,476 in the following way:

- $6,185 was designated for local use only
- $4,775 was designated for the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)
- $1,340 was designated for the Jewish Agency for Israel
- $176 was designated for the New Israel Fund

### The Decision Making Process

Allocations were addressed in the following order. First, allocations that are predetermined are filled in. These include dues to national agencies, $40,000 for the Jewish Community Impact Fund and $35,000 as a reserve against pledges that prove to be uncollectable. The allocations committee then discusses how to divide available campaign dollars between local and overseas agencies in order to provide the most benefit. Finally, the designated funds are added to the appropriate allocation lines at the end of the process.




### Overseas Allocations

For the 2014 campaign, the Federation kept the total allocations going overseas at the same level as 2013. However, the Federation decided to give first-time gifts to two new programs in the Partnership2Gether region of the Jezreel Valley in the Galilee. Allocations to projects in Israel are targeted to this region because of the special relationship that exists with Ann Arbor and also to focus the limited allocations in a single region for maximum impact. Space was made for these new allocations by reducing the unrestricted funds to JFNA.

- new allocation of $5,000 was created to fund Project Ten, a new program of the Jewish Agency at Kibbutz Harduf. Details of the program can be found at http://tenprogram.org/locations/kibbutz-harduf-israel
- second new allocation was created for Leket, the Israeli National Food Bank, to help glean crops from fields grown specifically for Leket at Moshav Nahalal. More information about Leket can be found at http://leket.org.il/english/
- overseas allocation also includes increased funding to the JDC to support relief in the former Soviet Union, including the Ukraine.

### Local Allocations

The allocations committee then addressed local needs and was pleased to be able to provide additional funding to the majority of

local programs based on program needs. No local agency received reduced funding. Increases were given to Chabad, Hebrew Day School, University of Michigan Hillel, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the Jewish Educators Council, Jewish Family Services, Keshet and scholarships for local kids to attend Jewish summer camps. The Federation budget was also increased to account for a 2.5 percent salary increase and rising costs in rent and credit card fees associated with campaign collections.

When all the allocable dollars had been disbursed, the committee then returned to the designated dollars and applied them to the relevant funding lines as requested by the donors.

### *Final Results*

At the end of the process, the local allocation amounted to $1,105,433 or 76.8 percent of total dollars raised, overseas allocation amounted to $281,567 or 19.5% of the total campaign, national organization allocations amount to $53,000 or 3.7% of the campaign.

### *Final allocations*

**National Allocations (Dues)**

Jewish Federations of North America $51,500
Jewish Council on Public Affairs $1,500
**Total National Allocations $53,000**

**Collective Overseas (unrestricted)**

Birthright $5,000
JFNA Collective (JAFI, JDC, ORT) $156,576

**Elective Overseas (local selection)**

Hand in Hand Schools $5,000
Net@ $15,000
Leket-Israel $3,700
Project Ten-Harduf $5,000
Task Force on Arab/Israeli Issues $1,000
Religious Pluralism in Israel $5,176
JDC Welfare Relief in the FSU $34,775
Partnership2Gether (national) $11,000
Partnership2Gether (local) $25,340
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**Total Overseas Allocations $281,567**

**Local Allocations**

Ann Arbor Eruv $500
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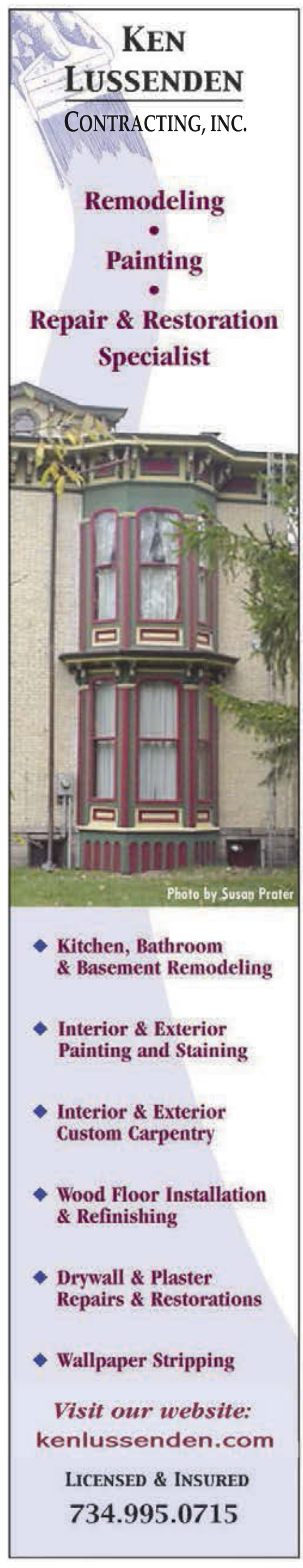

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# Of grasshoppers and angels: the Torah story of the scouts

*Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN*

In Parashat Shelach Lecha, which we will read on Shabbat, June 14, the Torah tells the story of 12 scouts sent by Moses to answer basic questions about the land of Canaan in order to better plan for the conquest. Moses provides them with a list of specific questions and they set off to fulfill the mission.

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

However, the mission ends in disaster as 10 of the 12 scouts, while admitting that the land is, in fact, beautiful and fertile, say that the inhabitants of the land are too strong for the Israelites to defeat. Only Joshua and Caleb continue to express the faith that with God's help, the land could be conquered. The people are terrified by the negativity of the 10 spies and demand to return to Egypt. God, in turn, declares that this generation will die in the desert and their children will inherit the land.

It is this sin of lack of faith that resulted in the 40 years of wandering in the desert.

One of the statements that the scouts make upon returning to report to the people is that they saw giants in the land and they say: "We felt like grasshoppers and so we looked in their eyes."

There is a beautiful midrash about the statement of the 10 scouts. In this text, God says: "Granted that you felt like grasshoppers standing next to them, but how dare you assume you looked like grasshoppers to them? In fact, I made you look like angels in their eyes?"

This midrash reflects the rabbinic tradition that God attempted to insure the success of the scouts' mission by protecting them in various ways, an attempt which was lost on the scouts who did not trust in God's protection.

However, the midrash also reflects a perspective on life which Jewish tradition teaches about our basic nature as human beings.

In this midrash, God tells the scouts that it is understandable that they would feel small compared to people of great strength. But, God reminds them that, as human beings, they have power and abilities to succeed in whatever situation they face.

This is a beautiful and meaningful lesson for all of us.

It is quite natural at times to feel overwhelmed by the world around us. And, in certain situations, that might be not only a natural feeling, but a positive, constructive reaction to the world. Recognizing our smallness protects us from dangerous situations and reminds us that our impact on the world is limited.

*Recognizing and appreciating the Divine spirit of strength, creativity and courage can help us to meet any challenge that the world presents.*

But, it is at those moments of feeling small that we should realize the great power we have as human beings. Our ability to reason, to think creatively, to summon up courage and faith within us allows us to face difficult situations with confidence and to widen our impact beyond what we might think we are capable of.

God is telling the scouts that humility is natural and is a positive, self-protecting and realistic trait. But, when humility gets in the way of recognizing our potential, it becomes a liability.

There is a Jewish teaching that says that a person should carry two slips of paper with them. One should say: "I am made of dust and ashes and even the smallest fly was created before me." The second note should say: "I am created in the image of God and the entire world was created for my benefit."

Reading the right note at the right time can help us to restore our balance to face the world. Sometimes, feeling like we are grasshoppers in a world of giants is natural and can keep us from feeling too powerful and too arrogant. But, recognizing and appreciating the Divine spirit of strength, creativity and courage can help us to meet any challenge that the world presents. ■

# Ultimate unity in the third month

*Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN*

This year, the holiday of Shavuot is scheduled to take place on June 4 and 5, which corresponds to the Hebrew calendar dates of Sivan 6 and 7. Sivan is the third of Jewish calendar months. This article will be based on the Torah verse that describes the Jewish people's arrival at Mt. Sinai on Rosh Chodesh Sivan—the first day of the third month. Our Rabbis indicate that the uniqueness of the giving of the Torah is mystically connected to the number three. They say that God has given us the Torah, which is divided into three sections: (1) Torah or The Bible - the scroll of the five books of Moses, (2) Nevi'im—the prophets, (3) Kesuv'im—the scriptures. So there are three sections of the overarching term, Torah. God gave the three-sectioned Torah to the Jewish people—whom He also divided into three sections: (1) Kohan'im—the priests, (2) Levi'im—descendants of the tribe Levi, and (3)Yisroel'im,- rest of the tribes of the Jewish people. When did God give the Torah to them? It was given in the third month, Sivan. Sivan is the third month of the year when counting months. God said that Nissan will be the first month for us. There are more threes. Moses was the third child in his family—coming after Miriam and Aharon. He was also from the tribe of Levi—the third son of Jacob. Since the Talmud and the Rabbis put such an emphasis on the occurrences of threes—it requires a closer look and some explanation.

Isn't the whole purpose of the Torah to reveal in the world the unity of God? As we say in the Sh'ma Yisroel (Hear O Israel) prayer, God is One. If the Torah were to be represented by a number, it should be the number one rather than the number three. Why then the emphasis on the uniqueness of the number three when speaking about the giving of the Torah? The answer can be found by seeing the concept of unity at a deeper level. True, the purpose of Torah study is to reveal unity in this world. But we can only experience true unity when we are aware that there is something else—when there is a duality to be reconciled. Nevertheless, this wins over the other entity. If the unity would exist only because we don't know the existence of anything "other", that's not true unity because we can't be certain of the outcome when a person becomes aware of the "something else". Only when one discovers the existence of "something else" besides Torah and decides to follow Torah rather than follow "something else" can we be certain that the person is freely choosing to follow the Torah path and not merely blindly following Torah. The Zohar gives an explanation for why God created other entities besides Torah in this world. The analogy is; the soul coming down into the body is like the son of a king whose loyalty is being tested by his father. In order to do this test, the prince had to be sent away from the palace to a place of different language, culture, customs, etc., particularly a debased people and culture compared to the way he was raised in the palace. Here, the son of the king is exposed to the ways of life that are highly tempting yet antithetical to the way he lived in the palace of his father. He must make a choice whether to stay true to the higher, refined values and expectations of the way he was raised in the palace, or to succumb to the temptations of the lower, debased values and behaviors of the distant land in which he finds himself. If he chooses to resist the temptations of the foreign land and stay true to his father's teachings and values, then the king knows that the son is freely choosing the values of the way he was raised.

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If the son had never been exposed to any alternative to the palace way of life, the king would never have been sure that the prince had genuinely accepted, in his heart, the values of the king. So the concept of freely choosing is very important.

This is why God created "other forces" in this world for us to be exposed to - so that we are able to exercise our free choice to follow God's Torah path and thus display our loyalty to God as opposed to following "something else". Therefore, when we speak about unity, true unity comes only when there is "an other" entity which is overpowered by good. When a person is faced with a spiritual adversary there are two ways to deal with it. One way is to ignore it and don't get involved with it at all (asceticism). A second way is to engage it and convert it to be a vessel for a good purpose. This unity of converting the adversarial power to become an advocate for holiness is a much deeper level of unity than ignoring it and not getting involved with it. When we don't engage evil it remains evil and nothing good comes out of it. But if we engage the evil—the other side—and try to convert it to good—to godliness—then we are demonstrating unity by acknowledging the Oneness of God. There is only One as we attest in the Shema prayer. So evil is not separate from God. It is our test that we recognize that all is one. Evil is there to provide the apparent duality - to be the foil for our realization that even it is part of the ultimate unity. We demonstrate our understanding by engaging it and converting it to holiness. This is the Chassidic message regarding evil and what we are supposed to do with it. Ultimately, the goal is to convert evil to holiness.

This concept is expressed in the three months of Nissan, Iyar and Sivan. The first of months of the year is Nissan. This month symbolizes revealing Godliness. In Nissan, God was revealed to the Jewish people and took them out of Egypt. This was a great revelation from above. God took us out of Egypt but had not yet spoken about revealing and elevating Godliness from this world. This is like ignoring evil, as we spoke of earlier, and not yet engaging and transforming it. The second month is Iyar. In this month we are busy counting the omer. One of the main points of counting the omer is refining the world by refining our internal character attributes and our external interactions with the world. All month we are busy interacting with the adversary. Although we are refining it, we have not yet succeeded in fully converting it to holiness. The third month is Sivan. Here we are completing the conversion of physicality to spirituality, of evil to good, of mundane to holiness. This month represents the revelation of God in the world. No longer disguised as evil, the oneness of God is fully revealed in this physical world. This third month is the month chosen for the giving of Torah because the purpose of Torah is to reveal Godliness in this world—to make this world a dwelling place for Godliness—to be one with God

This is the answer to the original question regarding the usage of the number three. Number three symbolizes the triad of revealing God in the world, refining the world and finally making the awareness of the oneness of God in the world. These are the three-fold steps we need to take to make this world a dwelling place for God.

So, God willing, everyone, in their own way, should live life in a way that not only doesn't contradict God, but also preferably uses the world and converts it to Godliness. The ultimate expression of this will be with the coming of Moshiach (the Messiah) when we will all see the Oneness of God throughout the world. ■

# Summer at Beth Israel Congregation

*Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN*

### Annual congregation meeting and dessert reception

**Monday, June 8, 7 p.m.**

Beth Israel's Annual Congregation Meeting includes a dessert reception; the election of new Beth Israel board members and officers for the 2014–2015 fiscal year and their installation; the presentation of Honorable Menschen Awards to volunteers who have made a difference over the past year; the approval of the budget for the 2013–2014 fiscal year; and the installation of the board of the Beth Israel Women's League. Beth Israel's achievements over the past year will be celebrated, and goals for the upcoming year will be charted.

### Barbecue and Barchu

**Friday, July 4, 6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m. Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Enjoy a grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner followed by a summery outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel's courtyard. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is July 1 at 9 a.m. Those interested are asked to call the office for reservations, and after that date check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal. This is an annual Beth Israel tradition.

### T-shirt Shabbat

**Saturday, July 5, 9:30 a.m.**

Participants are encouraged wear to their favorite t- shirts—camp, school/university, and vacation designs—to this annual Shabbat morning service. A summery kiddush will follow.

### Shlomo Carlebach Friday Night Service and Friday Night Dinner

**Friday, July 25, Friday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Friday Night Dinner, 7 p.m.**

This hour and ten minute lay led service features the soulful melodies of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. The music is spirited, fun, and easy to pick up. Singing out and harmonizing are welcomed and encouraged.

A fully transliterated Friday night service prayer book is available, and page numbers are given for both the regular *Siddur Sim Shalom* for Shabbat, and a completely transliterated prayer book, *Lechu Neranena*.

This year the service will conclude with a Shabbat dinner. There is a charge for dinner. Contact the Beth Israel office for more information. RSVP by July 21.

### The BIC flower and vegetable garden

For the seventh year in a row Beth Israel will maintain a garden at County Farm Park (2230 Platt Road). The garden is a part of Project Grow. The garden supplies flowers and vegetables for summer *onegs*, and local food banks. Approximately half of the produce is donated to Food Gatherers. Everyone in the community can experience the joy of agriculture by visiting the garden or volunteering to work with a friendly group of people. Prior experience not required. Contact Jake Kander at programs@bethisrael-aa.org.

### Shabbat in the Park

**Friday, August 8, 6 p.m., at the County Farm Park**

Participants will experience an outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service led by the Beth Israel rabbis in a natural environment, located near the Beth Israel Garden. The service will be followed by a dairy potluck Shabbat dinner, which will include produce from the Beth Israel garden as well. County Farm Park is located at the southwest corner of Washtenaw and Platt.

### Barbecue and Barchu

**Friday, August 22 , Dinner, 6 p.m.; Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.**

Participants will enjoy a delicious grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner followed by a summery outdoor Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel's courtyard. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is August 20, at 9 a.m. Call the office for reservations, and after that date check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal

### Summer Tot Shabbat

**June 14 and June 28, July 12 and 26, August 9 and August 23, 11:15 a.m.**

Tot Shabbat is Beth Israel's Shabbat morning program for toddlers and preschoolers along with their families. Tot Shabbat features singing, dancing, stories, and prayers to celebrate Shabbat. The experienced leaders of Tot Shabbat are Peretz Hirshbein and Jacob Kander. Peretz Hirshbein is the director of the Early Childhood Center at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and the current vice-president for programs on the Beth Israel board of directors. Jacob Kander is Beth Israel's program director.

Tot Shabbat meets at Beth Israel downstairs in room 15. Following services child-size tables are set out for Tot Shabbat kids and their families are always invited to stay to enjoy a kiddush lunch with the rest of the congregation.

### Summer services

Daily and Shabbat services continue all summer long; on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and on Friday evenings, usually at 6 p.m. Hours may vary on Friday evening. Check the Beth Israel calendar at www.bethisrael-aa.og.

### Tickets for High Holidays

Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel's way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and first and second year residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. on September 22, and no tickets can be purchased immediately prior to any service.

People who are age 35 or younger may become members at a special rate of $300 for the whole family for their first year of membership (plus USCJ dues assessment of $36.75).

Tickets for the High Holidays are provided free of charge to all members of Beth Israel in good standing. Non-members may purchase tickets for the High Holiday Services, although no tickets are required for the Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration for Young Children and the K–5 Family Program on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at 665-9897 ■

*Additional summer events will be posted on Beth Israel's website –www.bethisrael-aa.org.*

# Coming up at Temple Beth Emeth

*Sooji Min, special to the WJN*

### Families with Young Children (FYC): Shabbat Service times every Friday

**June 6, 13, 20, 27**

Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Levy and Cantor Annie Rose, 6 p.m.
Dinner for Tot Shabbat, 6:30 p.m.
Popsicle Oneg, 7 p.m.
Traditional Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

**July 4, 11, 18, 25 and August 1, 8, 15, 22**

Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Service, 6 p.m.
Dinner for Tot Shabbat, 6:30 p.m.
Popsicle Oneg, 7 p.m.
Lay-Led Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

### Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Great Jewish Books

**Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. discussion**

Shavuot is all about celebrating the revelation of Torah at Mt. Sinai. Torah has been described as the greatest Jewish book of all time. Come to TBE for a special dinner and discussion of Rabbi Levy's, Rabbi Delson's and Cantor Annie Rose's favorite Jewish books. RSVP to the TBE office, 665-4744. The entire Jewish community of Ann Arbor is welcome.

### Shavuot book swap

**Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m.**

Bring up to five books (with some Jewish content to share with friends. Everyone who brings books must take away the same number of books. Donate a dollar or two to the TBE library to more books home. Questions? Contact Librarian Clare Kinberg, tbe_library@templebethemeth.org.

### Summer story hour with Clare Kinberg

**Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23; July 9, 21; August 4, 11, 18; 10 a.m.**

For preschoolers, ages 3-5 and caregivers. For more information, contact Clare Kinberg, tbe_library@templebethemeth.org. Get your summer reading on!

### Shalom Gever

**Mondays and Wednesdays, June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, July 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, August 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27; 4:30–8 p.m.**

Temple Beth Emeth's Martial Arts for Health, Fitness and Self-defense. Open to grades K–12. Grades K–2 meet from 4:15–5 p.m., grades 3–5 meet from 5:15–6 p.m. or 6:15–7 p.m., grades 6–9 meet from 7:15–8 p.m., and grades 10–12 meet from 7:15–8 p.m. Questions? Contact Rabbi Peter Gluck at info@shalomgever.com or SooJi Min at 665-4744.

### TNT Shabbat Pot-Luck at the Park

**Saturday, June 15, 1–3 p.m.**

TBEs Twenties and Thirties will meet at Allmendinger Park (Pauline Boulevard. and Edgewood Avenue) for a relaxed Shabbat potluck in the park. This annual tradition brings new people together for an afternoon of fun. Plan to bring a dairy/vegetarian dish or dessert to share. Contact Rabbi Lisa Delson for more information.

### Spirituality Book Club

**Tuesday June 17, 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 19, noon**

Join Cantor Annie Rose for the Spirituality Book Club. June's Book: *Spirituality, Beauty, and Science: Four podcasts/transcripts of On Being (Krista Tippet's show on NPR)* "The Spiritual Audacity of Abraham Joshua Heschel" with JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen; "Quarks and Creation" with John Polkinghorne; "Asteroids, Stars, and the Love of God" with Br. Guy Consolmagno and Fr. George Coyne;" The Inner Landscape of Beauty" with John O'Donohue. All are welcome to come to every meeting or on occasion for specific books of interest. Whether you are a firm believer, a non-believer, a gentle skeptic, or an interested seeker, you will feel right at home.

### Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levy

**Fridays, June 6, 13, 27; 12:30–1:30 p.m.**

Join Rabbi Levy for a relaxed and informative lunch and learn series. All sessions are held in the Adult Lounge and are open to the community. Partiipants should bring their own lunch.

### Men's Torah Study

**Monday, June 2, 7:30–9 p.m.**

Temple Beth Emeth's Men's Torah study meets twice a month for an evening of learning. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Roger Stutesman, at rgstutesmanatsbcglobal.net.

### TBE Congregational Picnic

**Sunday, August 24, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Temple Beth Emeth's Brotherhood will host their third annual event at Hudson Mills Metropark. Bring a side dish to pass. The shelter is near the playgrounds, tennis courts, ball diamonds, jog/hike/bike paths, and bathrooms. Cost: $5 per car park daily entry fee. All congregants and community members are welcome.

### Welcome Back Welcome Shabbat

**Friday, August 29, 7:30 p.m.**

After a long summer of vacations and travel, join TBE for casual Shabbat services in the round. This is a great way to get to know members of the congregation and find your home at Temple Beth Emeth. Everyone is welcome.

### Jewish Hikers of Michigan

**Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m.**
**Sunday, July 13, 11 a.m.**
**Sunday, August 11, 11 a.m.**

These hikes, which are opened to the community, are full of beautiful nature reserves, social interaction, and light physical activity. Hikes are open to all ages, with no experience necessary. It is recommended to bring a small bag with water and snacks. The hikes last between 1-1/2 to 2 hours. The hikes are not physically demanding. Participants are asked to not bring pets. For more information, contact Eli Avni, hike coordinator, elik7777@yahoo.com and check Temple Beth Emeth's website, www.templebethemeth.org. ■

# Celebrate Shavuot with Chabad

Everyone is welcome to join Congregation Chabad in celebrating Shavuot beginning at evening services at 8:30 p,m, on Tuesday, June 3, followed by a festive meal and all night learning. The celebration will continue on Wednesday, June 4, with 9:45 a.m. morning services, Children are invited to come and hear the Ten Commandments, enjoy a ice cream party, and then join in at a festive dairy meal with everyone. Afternoon and evening services will begin on Wednesday, June 4, at 8:30 p.m.; Thursday morning, June 5, services will begin at 9:45 a.m., with 11 a.m. Yizkor Memorial Services, and 8:30 p.m. afternoon and evening services.

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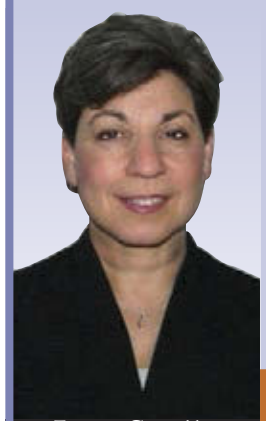

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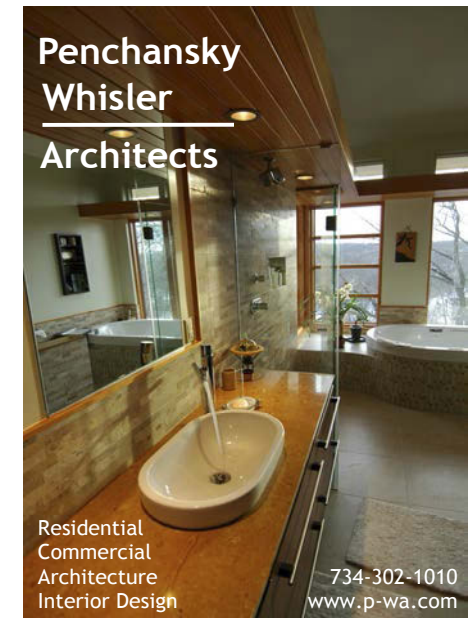


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# Lianna Bernstein and Jonathan Hamermesh recipients of 2014 Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel scholarships

*Rabbi Ilana Baden, special to the WJN*

Ann Arbor teens Lianna Bernstein and Jonathan Hamermesh are the recipients of the 2014 Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship Fund. Paul and Carolyn Lichter created the fund to honor the memory of their daughter, Susan Lichter (z"l), and over 170 relatives, friends and community members contributed to the fund. The proceeds provide two scholarships annually for Ann Arbor area high school students to participate in peer group Israel experiences such as semester, summer or gap year programs.

Bernstein is a high school senior and will be participating in Keshet's Nisiya: The Kehillah Experience. She is looking forward to exploring various communities in Israel, such as the Negev and the Golan. She is also eager to immerse herself in Israeli culture and be part of a learning cohort with the 29 other participants. She commented, "Since the program will include people from a wide array of backgrounds, I'm so excited to learn from various perspectives and lifestyles."

Hamermesh, also a high school senior, will be participating in Young Judea's Year Course. He is excited to spend nine months in Israel with many of his friends. He noted, "As a Zionist, I feel that it is my duty to learn about the land of Israel and to build a connection to it." With this in mind, Hamermesh wants to deepen his understanding of Israel, and then looks forward to sharing his experience with others. "Knowledge and experiences that I acquire will help me protect Israel against people who may have heard about things happening in Israel from an untrustworthy source," he explained.

These applicants were selected by the Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship Committee, chaired by Laurie Lichter and including Judie Lax and Ami Rosenthal. The Lichters are pleased their efforts are bearing fruit. "We are so happy to be able to make a difference by helping these two outstanding teens reach their dreams of travelling to Israel," said Carolyn. "We thank the committee for the excellent job they did in reviewing the applications. We know that it must have been difficult for them to make a decision, and we look forward to helping more young people in the years to come."

## *Nesiya: the Kehillah Experience offers exciting opportunities*

*By Lianna Bernstein*

As a second semester senior, it seemed natural to just lounge around for my last summer living at home. However, Nesiya: The Kehillah Experience decided to reopen in January, and since I had been so eager to go on it two summers ago, and so disappointed when it was unable to run, I decided to reconsider. Now, I am really looking forward to a very meaningful summer in Israel, and I feel like the program will allow me to accomplish many of my personal goals.

One of my aims is to leave the cities in the center of the country that I always inevitably cling to. On the rare occasion that I have been able to leave the metropolises of Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, I always wish I could do so more often. On Nesiya, the majority of the program is spent in some of the less-populated areas of Israel, such as the Negev and the Golan. Although I have been able to spend a few days in these places sporadically, I'm really looking forward to spending 10 days in each place, as well as other areas that I've never been to!

Another goal of mine is to really immerse myself in Israeli culture. Most of the people I'm close to in Israel are either Americans or the children of Americans. Since the Israeli cohort of the program is fairly small, I've heard from friends who have done the program in the past that the Israeli participants integrate quickly and it's very easy to get close with them (a few summers ago, my friend even extended her trip so that she could stay at one of their houses for a few weeks!).

I'm also drawn to the fairly limited number of members attending this summer. For the first time in the history of the program, American participation is being capped at 30 high school-ers, which I think will really allow the group to bond on a much deeper level. As someone who has participated in large and small programs, I think that the smaller number of people will be beneficial due to the relatively short duration of the program.

However, if I had to choose what most motivated me to decide to go on Nesiya it would be the constant opportunity to learn. Every activity we do fits into a greater curriculum and there is sustained dialogue throughout the entire 5 weeks. Since the program will include people from a wide array of backgrounds, I'm so excited to learn from various perspectives and lifestyles. A close family friend of mine, who is now a mother and a graduate student at the University of Michigan, told me that Nesiya was one of the most formative experiences of her life, and the friends she made there (who now lead very different lives than she does) have all remained extremely close.

Lianna Bernstein

I first realized how important being part of a pluralistic group is for my own personal growth when I went to an international summer camp in Szarvas, Hungary for a few weeks in the summer of 2012. I had never realized how rare it was for people to grow up in communities where all the denominations are supportive of one another (as I feel is mostly the case in Ann Arbor, fortunately) and it was eye-opening to hear about some of the negative experiences of my peers in their respective communities. In Szarvas, the group of roughly 25 Americans did something called "check-ins," where each participant spoke about Judaism in their own life and how they believed it would play a role in their future. As someone who had never spoken about those kinds of things in such a diverse group, it was educational to hear about my friends' experiences, and the feedback they gave me played a huge role in later decisions in my life.

When I spoke to the director of Nesiya last month, he made it clear that "The Kehillah Experience" will have many of the same components that our check-ins did in Szarvas. The benefit of Nesiya is that the group is roughly the same size, but the program is much longer, and will press us not only to reflect and learn from one another, but also continue our learning and growth through frequent study of both Jewish and secular resources.

Although it is not my primary goal, I am also very excited for the artistic aspect of Nesiya. Throughout the five weeks of the program, there is usually a few hours a day scheduled for art lessons and experimentation, which culminate in a "final project" that you present to the entire group on the last day. I have never really considered myself an artist, but have enrolled in multiple art classes throughout my high school and middle school years because I have always loved it. I remember at Hebrew Day School in Morah Deb's art class, we were allowed to choose our favorite value of Judaism and make a project around it. It was the first time I had used art to express my values and religion, and even though I was very young, I really appreciated the opportunity and the final product—called "Tzedek" or "Justice"—still hangs on a wall in my house reserved for me and my siblings' favorite art projects from childhood. From then on, I have always loved doing projects like that and I'm really excited to be able to continue my art instruction over the summer.

## *Young Judaea Year Course strengthens ties to Israel*

*By Jonathan Hamermesh*

I want to participate in Young Judaea's Year Course for two primary reasons. The first one of course being that I will spend nine months in Israel, doing many amazing things. The second reason that is just as important - in some ways - is that I will be with my friends! Alone, either of these reasons would be fantastic, but together, I'm looking forward to a life-changing year! This is why I want to go to Israel on Year Course!

My motivation to go to Israel is that I am a Jewish Teenager and that I have been raised as a practicing Jew. Even more so, I have been raised as a Zionism. There are many different ways to define Zionism. Ranging from the belief that all Jews need to live in Israel, to a vague feeling that there should be a Jewish state. For me, Zionism is the belief in a Jewish State in the land of Israel and that it should be protected in whatever ways that we are able to protect it.

As a Zionist, I feel that it is my duty to learn about the land of Israel and to build a connection to it. Having a connection that I have built by living in Israel for the better part of a year will give me a tangible attachment to the state. This will help to ensure that I always remember that we have a home if it ever comes to me no longer feeling safe where I am.

Year Course will enable me to build this life-long connection by volunteering in different places. As I have learned during my two times attending Young Judaea's Alternative Winter Break program, when I spent 5 days (each year) at different sites, helping people out, brings me closer to them. As I learn the stories of people who I'm volunteering for, I am able to take another piece of Israel (or wherever I'm volunteering) with me. I know that these different stories from different people with a multitude of different backgrounds will give me a strong, new connection to the land of Israel!

Protecting Israel is not just about making Aliyah and joining the IDF. I think that there are many different ways in which we can help, especially as Americans. One of the most well known ways to help Israel is by giving money, but that is not the only method. I can also be helpful simply by sharing my experience with others. Knowledge and experiences that I acquire will help me protect Israel against people who may have heard about things happening in Israel from an untrustworthy source. When people start saying things that I have seen to be false, I can share my personal experiences from and I can help make a difference—change starts with one idea.

As I mentioned earlier, I will gain a connection and have stories to share about Israel, however, the best stories that anybody has, are their own. I will create my own that I can share with friends, family and strangers alike once I return from Year Course. Though I'm sure that there will be plenty of stories for which I won't seek out such a large publicity! Young Judaea's program allows me a wonderful opportunity to create these stories by not having any programming during the weekend. This will allow me (and my friends) to do whatever we want from skiing down Mt. Hermon to SCUBA diving in Eilat as part of a weekend trip! These are some of the stories that I will get to live with my friends that will be possible in the magical land of Israel on a program like this!

The other reason that I plan to go on Year Course is for the friends that I will make and/or already have. A big part of life is the people that you interact with, and how you interact with them; the people around you are often what help to push you from having a good

**Jonathan Hamermesh**

time, to a great time! I have been involved in Young Judaea for ten years and I have met hundreds of other Jewish teenagers. Though I may not have had the best feelings for every single one of them, overall they have changed my life for the better!

Being involved in these people for so long has given me many friends who I have shared many great experiences with. By spending a year with these friends and so many new ones, I look forward to lots of fun times. Having known some of these people for as much as eight, nine, or even ten years, I'm well aware of how great they can be. The reason that this will be different than any other times that I've spent with them is that I will be in Israel for an extended period of time. While there are lots of ways in which in which it just seems fun to be in a foreign country with friends, I have other motivations as well. Because I have known so many Judaeans for so long, I have also lived with many of them in different locations and camps all around the country. But I look forward to living with them in Israel where we will have to be somewhat autonomous and allocate our monthly food budget, keep our dorm clean and somewhat organized and just be more responsible than we are used to, as we move away from our parents for what may be for some of us the first time ever.

Year Course is the program for me because I will get to live with my friends while still being a Jew in the land of Israel! I look forward to lots of opportunities to volunteer in different places and building my connection to the country through the addition of others' stories to fill out my own. ■


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# Detroit to host 2014 Macabbi Games

*Elizabeth Applebaum, special to the WJN*

In 1986, Chuck and Sharon Newman made a seemingly small decision that would end up helping thousands of kids, let Ann Arbor shine, bring a great deal into their own lives—and turn out to be a lot of fun.

The Newmans decided to let their 12-year-old son participate in the JCC Maccabi Games. Just one year later, Sharon Newman was serving as a delegation head to the Games, held in Toronto. It was that good.

"It's just such a wonderful program," said Newman, who daughter also was a JCC Maccabi Games athlete. "It gets Jewish kids together" from around the world and often means they have new friends for a lifetime, which is especially beneficial for cities like in Ann Arbor, which has an active but smaller Jewish community.

The JCC Maccabi Games—and now ArtsFest, too—is the world's largest gathering of Jewish teens. The week-long event began in 1982 with 300 and now attracts thousands of participants not only from throughout the United States but from Israel, Great Britain, Venezuela, Argentina, Hungary, Poland, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Mexico and Panama. The program includes various competitive sports, workshops that help teens develop their theatre, cooking, journalistic, musical and other skills, JCC Cares (where participants volunteer with local social service agencies) and time to get to know each other.

For the fifth time in the event's short history, the JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest will be held in Metro Detroit. The event, August 17–22, relies heavily on volunteers, which can mean anything from housing a few visiting athletes to passing out water bottles. No special skills are required, you can volunteer for one hour or the entire week, and you don't need to know anything about sports or art.

Some volunteers like the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, meet kids with a tremendous amount of talent (past participants have included Olympic champs Lenny Krayzelburg and Jason Lezak; *Survivor Africa* star Ethan Zohn; *American Idol* favorite Brett Lowenstein; and Jason Segal of *How I Met Your Mother*) or experience the feeling that can only come with working with others to accomplish something great.

For Chuck and Sharon Newman, the best part of JCC Maccabi was simply the opportunity to see all the kids together, getting to know each other and becoming friends. Chuck Newman stepped forward twice to serve as chair of opening ceremonies, an Olympic-style event where the delegations, under a colorful banner, march into an auditorium amid cheers and applause (this year's opening event will be held at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit). And long after their children were out of their teens, the couple continued to host kids from out of town— sometimes two, sometimes more. It's not a lot of work, Sharon said.

Host families are responsible for giving kids a place to sleep, providing them with breakfast, getting them to a central location for daily activities and holding one Host Family Night. Once for Host Family Night, the Newmans had three JCC Maccabi athletes in their home, and then invited a bunch of friends and family for a meal. "We had a big crowd, and it was fun!" Sharon said.

With other volunteer opportunities—such as helping with meals or serving as a team coach—"you can do as much as you choose to do," she added.

Today, Sharon Newman stays active with the JCC Maccabi Games, helping recruit participants in Ann Arbor, making phone calls and advising Ann Arbor's JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest team. She encourages everyone to sign up. It's a fabulous event to be part of, she said, "and it gives our community a good name."

More than 77,000 men and women have volunteered for the JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest since they started. Those interested in joining can call (248) 432-5500 or visit www.2014detroit.org. ■

## Beth Israel Congregation school offerings

*Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN*

### Religious school

Beth Israel Religious School provides students of all ages and their families with opportunities to experience Jewish life and learning in a warm, supportive community. Gan Katan meets monthly for 3 and 4 year old students and a parent. Kindergarten and first grade students meet each Sunday morning, and second through seventh graders meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. The middle school experience includes the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family series, a Shabbaton and a series of Shabbat Morning With the Rabbis sessions. Eighth grade students engage in exploration of Jewish identity using photography, and present a gift to the synagogue as part of their graduation experience. The High School Madrichim Program includes two separate tracks, Educational Assistants and Service Learning. Participants in the two tracks come together for monthly text study sessions and social activities, which enable them to continue building strong connections with each other and with the synagogue.

For more information about the Beth Israel Religious School, contact Cindy Saper, director of education, at school@bethisrael-aa.org. Registration continues through the summer.

### Adult Hebrew Classes

Adult Hebrew classes, co-sponsored by Temple Beth Emeth and Beth Israel Congregation, will begin in the fall. Everyone is welcome to attend the classes, which are conducted on a variety of levels, from classes for beginning students to those who are fluent, in a biblical/prayerbook skills track and a conversational track. For more information, email school@bethisrael-aa.org.


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# Bronfman Youth Fellowships announced

*By Ava Charne*

Greenhills School junior David Groden has been selected as one of 26 Bronfman Youth Fellows for 2014. The fellows, chosen from hundreds of applicants across North America, will participate in a transformative five-week program of study and travel in Israel, followed by a rigorous year of programming centered around pluralism, social responsibility and Jewish texts. The new class of fellows will join a vibrant alumni network that includes some of today's most inspiring Jewish writers, thinkers and leaders.

The program was founded by Edgar M. Bronfman, z"l, formerly CEO of the Seagram Company Ltd. and a visionary Jewish philanthropist. Bronfman passed away in December 2013.

"Edgar Bronfman placed enormous faith in young people's ability to see the world not just as it is, but as it ought to be," said Rabbi Mishael Zion, co-director of the Fellowships. "He believed that young people energized by their Judaism were best equipped to both shape a Jewish 'Renaissance' and improve the world. This year's Fellows are already a remarkable group; we have the privilege of instilling in them a love for learning Jewish texts and a commitment to pluralism and communal responsibility that will serve us all into the future."

Following a competitive application process, the 2014 Fellows are from 14 states across the United States and Canada. They represent diverse Jewish backgrounds, including Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, unaffiliated and non-denominational. The Fellows, who have already distinguished themselves as leaders in their communities, will spearhead Jewish community or social action projects upon returning home after the summer.

**David Gordon**

The Fellows will study with an esteemed faculty, including Rabbi Zion; Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, Executive Director of the Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at New York University and the subject of a new documentary produced by Chelsea Clinton; Rabbi Or Rose, Director of the Center for Global Judaism at Hebrew College; Dr. Judith Rosenbaum, Executive Director of the Jewish Women's Archive; and Rabbi Laurence Edwards, former Hillel Director at Dartmouth College and Cornell University. Immersive Israel Study Program and Lifelong Fellowship.

Over the summer, Fellows meet with political and cultural figures in Israel such as authors Etgar Keret and A.B. Yehoshua, politician Ruth Calderon, activist Anat Hoffman and journalist Jodi Rudoren, the New York Times Jerusalem Bureau Chief. They also spend a week with a group of Israeli peers who were chosen through a parallel selection process as part of the Israeli Youth Fellowship, Amitei Bronfman. This aspect of the program reflects Mr. Bronfman's early recognition that the future of Jewish peoplehood should be considered a global enterprise, forged through deep collaboration, discourse and friendship between Israelis and Americans.

There are now over 1,000 Bronfman Fellowships alumni across North America and Israel, among them 8 Rhodes Scholars, 4 former Supreme Court clerks, 15 Fulbright Scholars, 27 Wexner Fellows and 21 Dorot Fellows. Young leaders of note among Fellowship alumni include Daniel Handler, a.k.a. Lemony Snicket, author of the best-selling "Series of Unfortunate Events" children's books; Jonathan Safran Foer, author of Everything is Illuminated and Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close and editor of the New American Haggadah (featuring commentary from Lemony Snicket, among others); and Angela Warnick Buchdahl, the first woman to be named Senior Rabbi at New York's Central Synagogue and the first Asian-American person to be ordained as a rabbi and cantor. Others include: Igor Timofeyev, former Supreme Court clerk and former Special Advisor for Refugee and Asylum Affairs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Dara Horn, author of In the Image, The World to Come and All Other Nights; and Anya Kamenetz, the youngest person ever nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her Village Voice series "Generation Debt: The New Economics of Being Young."

Bronfman Fellows Israeli alumni have also ascended to positions of influence in government, civil groups, the private sector and cultural institutions. Israeli alumni include attorneys at the State Justice Department, a member of the Yokneam City Council, noted journalists, successful filmmakers including a Tribeca Film Festival winner, political advisers to Members of Knesset, members of elite IDF units and university lecturers.

David Groden is the son of Robert and Louise Groden. He plays on the varsity tennis team where he won the state championship tournament with his doubles partner last fall. A dedicated musician, David plays violin in The University of Michigan Youth Ensemble Orchestra as a part of the first violin section and maintains weekly lessons. In school, David shows academic excellence and was inducted into the cum laude society. He also participates in his school's competitive speech program where he won fourth place in the state tournament with his group in a group acting performance and so far has won first in the regional tournament this year. Outside of school, David works in The University of Michigan physics department as a research assistant, contributing to the larger Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory project. For two years David worked as a *madrich* at the Temple Tifereth Israel and is currently a member of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization in the Shapiro chapter. ■

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## Grandparents and children learning together

*Hadar Dohn, special to the WJN*

According to the Bavli (the Babylonian Talmud), the greatest privilege is to teach your grandchildren Torah. According to the Yerushalmi (the Jerusalem Talmud), the greatest privilege is to have your grandchildren teach Torah to you. This is one argument about which no grandparent will have the slightest difficulty saying that both are true." This quote, from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, rang true to the roomful of grandparents at Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor's Intergenerational Day event.

**Intergenerational classroom activities**

Many schools bring grandparents and children together; the love is unconditional and the shared joy is palpable. At HDS, Intergenerational Day is designed around our shared values, a demonstrated love of learning. Beginning with a performance by our Gan (kindergarten) class, the audience experienced the acquired Hebrew skills that were accomplished over the year, ending with a moving rendition of *HaTikva*, Israel's national anthem. Next, the adults studied together, discussing the Talmud texts upon which Rabbi Sacks commented. Sharing their unique perspectives, the grandparents reflected on their roles, their new opportunities with grandchildren, their newly found patience, their wisdom, and desire to be with their grandchildren. They wrote personal blessings for the children in their lives, which they shared privately in the classrooms.

Learning together in a school setting enables grandparents and children to have experiences they may not have the opportunity to engage in otherwise. Children may be resistant at home, and school offers the opening for the interactions. Getting to know one another in new ways, and having a structured time for acquiring and sharing wisdom is a goal HDS sets to accomplish.

The Jewish tradition has many references about engagement and learning between and among the generations. We say *midor l'dor*, from generation to generation, because we value our heritage, our history. Intergenerational Day at HDS is a meaningful way to bring generations together while honoring both the Babylonian and the Jerusalem Talmud. At HDS we agree… teaching and learning go hand in hand. We need to capitalize on every opportunity for generations to form partnerships as they venture to write the next chapter in our Jewish history together. ■

## Exciting enhancements at Camp Keshet

*Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN*

For the past seven summers Camp Keshet, the JCC's preschool-aged summer camp, has been making inventive use of the JCC's expansive grounds to create a unique outdoor learning environment for young children. Ever since the JCC's early childhood faculty took the learning outside, each summer has seen improvements and additions to the camp. Last summer a water wall that allowed children to explore fluid dynamics made an appearance. The summer before that, PVC piping and pulleys allowed children to build more interesting an complex structures in the camp's building area.

This summer's enhancements will be on a whole different level. The camp will be making use of the entire Early Childhood Center playground, as many activity areas have been re-conceptualized to maximize children's ability to follow where their imagination leads! The building area will not only include materials like lumber and PVC piping, but also earth and bricks that will allow children to anchor their creations, providing a solid foundation for their construction endeavors. The large climbing structure on the ECC playground will become a place for even more imaginative play, as fabrics and streamers will be draped over the structure, children will don costumes allowing for a wide variety of fantastical storytelling. The water wall of last summer will move next to the ECC's large sand box; the staff anticipates that the combination of sand and water will lead to castles, tunnels, mountains, and even more representations that might come from the mind of a child.

A growing body of research has shown the extensive benefits for children of time spent outdoors. Children who spend more time outdoors show lower levels of stress and fewer behavior issues. Much more importantly that this, significant outdoor experiences promote the development of the brain's Executive Functions: working memory, self-regulation, problem solving, the ability to plan and execute, and so many more cognitive processes that are so critical. Camp Keshet's enhancements will serve to deepen camper's engagement with nature, fostering children who love to spend time in the outdoor world. ■

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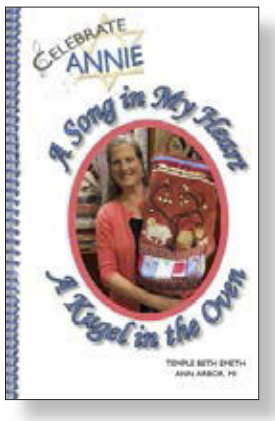
# New Temple Beth Emeth cookbook honors Cantor Annie Rose

*Mary Bilyeu, staff writer*

Very simply, the inscription reads: "This cookbook is dedicated to Annie Rose—Cantor, teacher, mentor and friend—in appreciation of 20 years of dedicated service."

There was so much more to say, in thanks for two decades of ministry to the members of Temple Beth Emeth, to the Jewish community in Ann Arbor, and to the city as a whole; Annie Rose has touched the lives of so very many with her joy, her compassion, her wisdom, her voice. And yet, what words could possibly convey the gratitude for such gifts, for the gift of Annie herself, who is now retiring from the *bima*?




But, of course, when there are no words to convey sorrow or joy or friendship or any other deeply felt emotion, there is always food. And so, 16 members of the Temple's Sisterhood—"between the ages of 30 and 93," as the page of acknowledgements notes—worked together "to develop a cookbook representative of our congregation and as a tribute to our own Cantor, Annie Rose." The book is a gift to Annie, a way of saying "thank you," since those two small words, despite their power, seem woefully insufficient.

*A Song in My Heart and a Kugel in the Oven* is the new cookbook's title, a joyful name for a collection of recipes that captures Annie's spirit as well as the significance of shared meals with family, with friends, at holidays, at *simchas*, and more. It is not specifically vegetarian, although Annie herself follows this diet. The book also is not strictly adherent to the laws of Kashrut; those who keep kosher can readily make substitutions, though.

"The recipes in this book reflect a combination of flavors, traditional and modern, as well as many vegetarian offerings," writes Cookbook Chair Bobbi Heilveil. "One recipe has been a family favorite for over a century while another was developed just for this book." They have been divided into standard categories: appetizers, brunch and breads, soups and salads, main dishes, vegetables and sides, and desserts. There is also a specific Passover section, and the immensely helpful offering of holiday menus (including both meat-based and vegetarian meal suggestions). Pages to help with determining servings for 25–100 guests and freezing casseroles, a guide to herbs and spices, advice for roasting meats, and ingredient substitution lists are also included, making this a useful reference book, as well.

But the recipes, of course, are the essential part of the cookbook, offered as gifts to Annie from more than 100 members of TBE and Sisterhood. From such tried-and-true classics as chopped chicken liver, chocolate chip mandel bread, and bread and butter pickles to apple stuffed acorn squash, parmesan and thyme crackers, and matzo brei foo yong, there is a wide range to choose from—a little nosh for every taste and any occasion. The cookbook doesn't only offer Jewish recipes, but universal ones; and there are 10 pages of kugel recipes, as well as 14 pages of brisket options. There are also a number of offerings with such creative names that they absolutely pique your curiosity: Fonzie's Fire, a tomato, green onion, jalapeno, and cilantro salsa; My Husband's Innovate Latke Recipe (But I Make It), which includes sweet potatoes and is topped with a spiced pear sauce; and Minetry's Miracle, a luscious dessert of ladyfingers and bourbon-soaked amaretti layered with chocolate mousse.

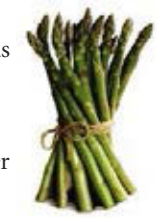
Because summer is coming, lighter recipes make perfect choices. Annie, herself, contributed several dishes to the cookbook, and her Mediterranean Tofu Salad is a delicious selection, vibrant with both color and flavor. The Moroccan salads, using both beets and their greens, are lovely complements to each other that prevent any waste by utilizing the entire gorgeous plant. And the Lemon-Blueberry Pound Cake is a sweet treat featuring succulent fruits at their peak.

Annie writes in the cookbook's forward: "It has been very moving to be asked by many: 'What are you planning on doing in your retirement?' While I am still taking the time to let ideas flow about the years ahead, I know one answer that is definite: I am going to cook every recipe in this cookbook! What a joy that will be." ■

*To order* A Song in My Heart and a Kugel in the Oven*, send $18 per cookbook + $6 for shipping per book, along with your mailing address, to Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood, 2309 Packard St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.*

## Annie Rose's Mediterranean Tofu Salad

3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/4 cup olive oil + oil for sauteing
1 container extra firm tofu, sliced or cubed
coriander
1 pound trimmed asparagus
juice of three lemons
fresh oregano, to taste
1 thinly sliced red pepper
1 thinly sliced yellow pepper
halved grape tomatoes
3 tablespoon capers
1/2 cup pitted Kalamata olives



Saute garlic in a little olive oil, keeping heat low. Add tofu and raise the heat. Sprinkle with coriander and saute until browned on all sides. You can add a little salt, but not much, because the capers and olives are quite salty. Lightly steam asparagus. Plunge asparagus into ice water to stop the cooking when it is still firm. In large bowl, whisk olive oil, lemon juice, and oregano. Add tofu and vegetables, capers, and olives. Refrigerate for several hours.

## Moroccan Beet Salad

1 large bunch medium sized fresh beets (reserve greens for the salad recipe below)
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1-2 cloves garlic, finely minced or pressed
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley or coriander leaves
1 teaspoon sugar, or less
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
pinch of salt

Simmer beets for about 30 minutes, or until can be easily pricked by a fork. Let cool or rinse under cool water and remove skin. Stir in remaining ingredients, adjusting amounts to taste. Chill.

May be served chilled or at room temperature. This recipe doubles, triples easily.

## Moroccan Style Beet Greens Salad

beet greens from one large bunch of beets
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1-2 cloves garlic, finely chopped or crushed
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
pinch of paprika
pinch of salt

Wash the beet greens; cut leaves and stems into small pieces. Place in medium saucepan and add cold water to cover. Bring to a boil over high heat, then lower the heat and simmer the beet greens for about 5 minutes, or until they are tender. Drain the greens well and squeeze out extra water.

Heat oil in frying or saucepan and add greens and garlic. Cook, stirring frequently for about 10 minutes. Add lemon juice, paprika, and salt and stir for a minute longer. Serve hot, chilled, or at room temperature.

## Lemon-Blueberry Pound Cake

3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
6 ounces cream cheese (not low fat)
2 sticks butter
8arge eggs
3 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon lemon extract
zest from 1 lemon
2 cups blueberries
3 cups sugar

Heat oven to 325F.

Combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Cream butter and cream cheese. Should be pale and have little peaks form. Add sugar and beat until fluffy. Add vanilla, lemon extract, and zest of lemon to eggs and add eggs, one at a time, to the butter/sugar mixture. Add flour in small amounts until almost incorporated. Finish mixing by hand. Fold in blueberries.

Spray Bundt pan with PAM for baking and pour batter into pan. Bake 65–90 minutes. Time will depend on whether you are using fresh or frozen berries. Let cool about 20 minutes and then turn onto wire rack to cool.

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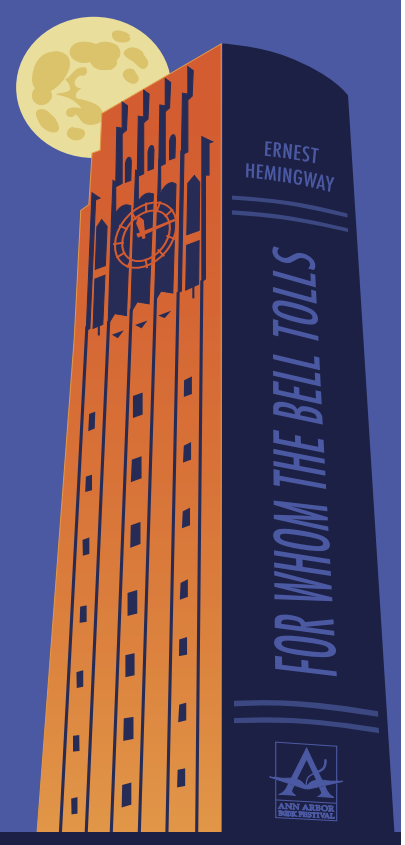


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# Stefan Zweig: a name reclaimed

*Rachel Urist, staff writer*

Stefan Zweig has been restored to wide attention by film director, Wes Anderson, whose recent movie, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, is based on Zweig's writings. In interviews, Anderson lamented the obscurity into which Zweig fell after his death in 1942. In his day, Zweig was among the most acclaimed writers of Europe. His work was translated into fifty languages.

*The Buried Candelabrum*, a novella, and *Buchmendel*, a short story, are the first and last pieces in a Zweig anthology entitled *Jewish Legends. Candelabrum* is based on a little-known Jewish legend. In Zweig's retelling of the story, about the last remaining relic of Solomon's temple, the narrative is both cinematic and gripping. It takes us through the sweep of Jewish history. Though Zweig was not a religious Jew, he was conversant with the customs and traditions of Jewish observance. He references biblical hallmarks and liturgical touchstones. He recreates the veneration accorded to rabbinic leaders and offers detailed portraits of these figures, emphasizing their tenderness, authority, and compassion. Zweig combines his powers of observation with a spirit of hope, as symbolized in the candelabrum. He embraces the notion that the Jewish people were chosen to be a source of light unto the nations. He follows the candelabrum on its journey through time, over land and sea, to its apocryphal final resting place. Zweig manages to capture the fears and excitement of a seven year old Jewish boy, enlisted to aid his elders, as well as the perspective and experience of an aged sage. Zwieg's storytelling powers are in full bloom in this narrative, which reveals the author's yeasty imagination and uncanny powers of observation.

Buchmendel is a story about a mousy, reclusive Jacob Mendel, a walking encyclopedia. He lives for books; hence his eponymous nickname. His photographic memory mesmerizes the young narrator of the story, who is in awe of this self-contained Jew. The story, a parable for the people of the book, shows us a man absorbed solely by texts. He is a walking concordance, oblivious to world events. Yet suddenly, he is arrested as a spy, an enemy alien.

The story was prescient. It was first published in 1928. Eleven years later, Zweig himself was designated an enemy alien by Great Britain—shortly after Germany invaded Poland. He soon left for Brazil. In 1936, he published *The Buried Candelabrum*. It, too, was prescient. If Zweig had only been as prophetic about Hitler's demise, he might not have taken his own life, which he did in 1942 in a suicide pact with his second wife, Lotte. He was 60 years old. Days before his death, he sent off the completed manuscript of his autobiography and a number of short stories, including The Royal Game, which became the title story of that fine collection.

Zweig was born and raised in Vienna. He lived in various parts of Europe, Great Britain, the United States, and Brazil, but he always wrote in German, his beloved native tongue. For most of his life, travel had been one his greatest pleasures. He gave lectures around the world and relished foreign experience. But when travel became necessary for survival, he came to see it as a kind of torture.

Writing was Zweig's primal form of expression. In *Buchmendel*, he writes: "What is the use of living, when the wind obliterates our footsteps in the sand directly we have gone by?" Then, evoking biblical precedent, and savoring the bible's spare language, he adds: "and there had arisen a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph." In story after story, Zweig transports the reader through time and space, recalling both Jewish and general history.

Zweig wrote fiction, poetry and many biographies—of figures including Marie Antoinette, Magellan, Erasmus, and Balzac. Zweig counted among his friends Sigmund Freud; Theodor Herzl; the philosophers Hermann Cohen and Martin Buber; and the writers Arthur Schnitzler and Romain Rolland, a Nobel laureate. Most of Zweig's writing had nothing to do with Jews or

**Stefen Zweig**

Judaism. But four of the five stories in *Jewish Legends* are very Jewish. As is the writing.

Not only does *Candelabrum* lay out the sad blueprints of perennial anti-Semitism, it also validates the premise of the Zionist movement. Hitherto, Zweig had dismissed the movement as unrealistic and unwarranted—despite his admiration for and warm relations with Theodor Herzl, the visionary behind modern Zionism.

In the first and last stories of *Jewish Legends*, Zweig ruminates on mortality, on the ebb and flow of succeeding generations, on the nature of time. The final sentence of *Buchmendel*, spoken by the story's narrator, sums it up. "I, a man of education and a writer, had completely forgotten *Buchmendel* for years—I, who at least should have known that one only makes books in order to keep in touch with one's fellows after one has ceased to breathe, and thus to defend oneself against the inexorable fate of all that lives—transitoriness and oblivion."

A passage that links Zweig dramatically to his current champion, Wes Anderson, is the opening paragraph of *The Buried Candelabrum*. This description of interrupted, gladiatorial combat shows Zweig's erudition, his pace, and his cinematic bent.

"In the Circus Maximus, on a fine June day in the year 455, a combat between two tall Heruli and a sounder of Hyrcanian boar had reached its sanguinary close when, in the third hour of the afternoon, disquiet spread among the thousands of onlookers. At first, it was only those seated near the imperial box that noticed that something was amiss. A horseman, dusty and travel-stained by a long ride, descended the stairway with its statues on either side, and approached the bedizened dais where Maximus lolled, surrounded by

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# Pianist Joseph Gurt

*San Slomovits, staff writer*

Pianist Joseph Gurt, has lived locally since 1967, when he began teaching at Eastern Michigan University. His performing and teaching have taken him all over the United States and the world, but his travelling began early in life.

**Gurt:** Both my parents were musical. My mother would have been a very good singer, a well trained singer, had she had an education. This was in pre-war Poland. My father was not intuitively musical, but he worked hard, he was more intellectual. They were not very wealthy, but they managed to get out of Poland – they saw Hitler coming, you know. In 1937, when I was four years old, we left Poland for Australia, where I grew up. I lived there till I was twenty. I came to the States in 1953, to study music at the Juilliard School. In 1958 my family moved to Israel. In 1961, my wife and son and I moved to Tel Aviv. Actually we spent a year on a kibbutz first, I taught piano there, and then I got a job as the pianist at the Habima (Israel's oldest and most prestigious theater) for the first production of a musical, Irma La Duce. It starred two famous Israeli artists, Dina Doronne was Irma, and Arik Einstein, a well-known name, was the male lead. We were there for a year and then we came back to the States.

**Slomovits:** Why did you move back?

**Gurt:** We came back to the States because Gloria (Gurt's wife) missed her family and surroundings more than she wanted to stay in Israel. I'm glad I went along. We still remember those years with fondness. So then we got to America, and in 1967 I got my job at Eastern Michigan University, where I remained until I retired in 2000.

**Slomovits:**How did you happen to come to EMU?

**Gurt:** I came to EMU because a job opened up at a university level, and freelancing in New York City was often a case of feast or famine. I auditioned, interviewed and got the job. I have never looked back.

**Slomovits:**Stepping back to your childhood, when did you start on the piano?

**Gurt:** I was fooling around on it at a very early age. I think I started official lessons at the age of six.

**Joseph Gurt**

**Slomovits:** Were you a child prodigy, or were you a student who developed more gradually?

**Gurt:** I got around the keyboard as a youngster. I was always good, you could say. I always had my eye on a professional career in music.

**Slomovits:**How did it come about that you came to the States to study at Juilliard?

**Gurt:** Well, the deciding factor was that I had an aunt, uncle and cousin who lived in New York, and I lived with them for five years.

**Slomovits:** Renee Robbins (local piano teacher who was profiled in WJN recently) told me that one of your specialties as a teacher is helping students figure out….

**Gurt:** How to move on the piano. I'll tell you that story. I graduated from the Juilliard with a masters degree, which was at that time their top degree. They didn't give a doctorate till years later. And I could play, I could get around the keyboard, but I had some technical difficulties, some passages were difficult and other skills I really couldn't do very much at all. Just by accident I met this woman named Dorothy Taubman. She died very recently. She was the one who helped me solve those problems, those technical problems, and enabled me to help others solve them. Renee was my student at one time, and I believe I helped her. She says I did. That counts for something. (Laughter)

**Slomovits:** Have you worked mostly with university students?

**Gurt:** Basically. A couple of high school students, once in awhile, but my real work was teaching university students.

**Slomovits:** You've done a lot of both performing and teaching. Can you talk a little about both?

**Gurt:** Well, performing means getting over your nerves, going ahead and doing it. A basic technical security is so vital because if you don't have it you'll get extremely nervous and funny things could very well happen on stage.

**Slomovits:** I know the feeling! (Laughter)

**Gurt:** So my job was to give my students technical security, as much as possible. It's two different skills, really, teaching and performing, though by teaching some things I sort of learned from my students, as all teachers I think do.

**Slomovits:** Have most of your students become performers or teachers, or both?

**Gurt:** I have many students who've gone on to perform at some level or other, and many more have become very good teachers. The main thing that I did for them was make them understand the piano better; give them a better understanding of how to move with the piano, which helps them as teachers, too.

**Slomovits:** You're retired now.

**Gurt:** Ahh, well…(his face lights up) I retired in June 2000. Every year since then we've gone on one trip or another outside of the country. Obviously, over the years I've made many trips back to Israel. My mother lived there till her death, my brother still lives there, and I have a cousin who lives there. The last time we were there was just a few months ago. Before my retirement, Gloria and I spent a semester—four months—teaching in a university in Taiwan. That was a wonderful opportunity to get inside a different culture and understand it a little bit. We had a great time. Since my retirement we've gone to England a couple of times, Paris almost every year

**Slomovits:**You have children.

**Gurt:** Four children, ten grandchildren.

**Slomovits:** We have to note here that you just beamed the biggest smile of this entire interview.(laughter)

**Gurt:** Can you blame me?
Slomovits: No, not at all.

**Gurt:** They're all good kids and wonderful grandkids.

**Slomovits:** Are any of your children musicians?

**Gurt:** Yes, one of them is Michael, who is a very, very, very good pianist. Marvelous pianist. He's on the faculty of the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Another child is a soprano and she had a career in showbiz until she started being a mother and so she's retired from the stage, until her kids are more grown up. The other two children went in different directions— they all love music.

**Slomovits:** Were you Michael's teacher?

**Gurt:**I was through high school. One thing I was able to do for him, I was able to keep him out of pianistic trouble.

**Slomovits:** Not developing bad habits….

**Gurt:** Correct. I was very much helped by his attitude. He used to practice at home and if he'd play a wrong note, I would yell from the kitchen, or wherever I was, "B flat!" and you know what he'd say? He didn't say, "Leave me alone, Dad!" No, no, he said, "Thanks, Dad." (Laughter)

**Slomovits:** Good, good. You obviously were a good teacher and a good dad. ■

## *Stefan Zweig, continued from previous page*

courtiers. The Emperor listened to the tidings, sprang to his feet, and—disregarding the convention which forbade him to leave while the games were in progress—hastened out, followed by his train. The senatorial benches likewise and those of the other dignitaries quickly emptied. The cause must be grave for such a breach of etiquette. Naturally the common folk grew uneasy."

I am deeply indebted to Wes Anderson for introducing me to Stefan Zweig, whose writing carried me away. I don't remember the last time I opened a book and could not put it down, as was the case with *Jewish Legends*. If you read only the first and last stories of this collection, you will appreciate the legacy of this great writer. ■

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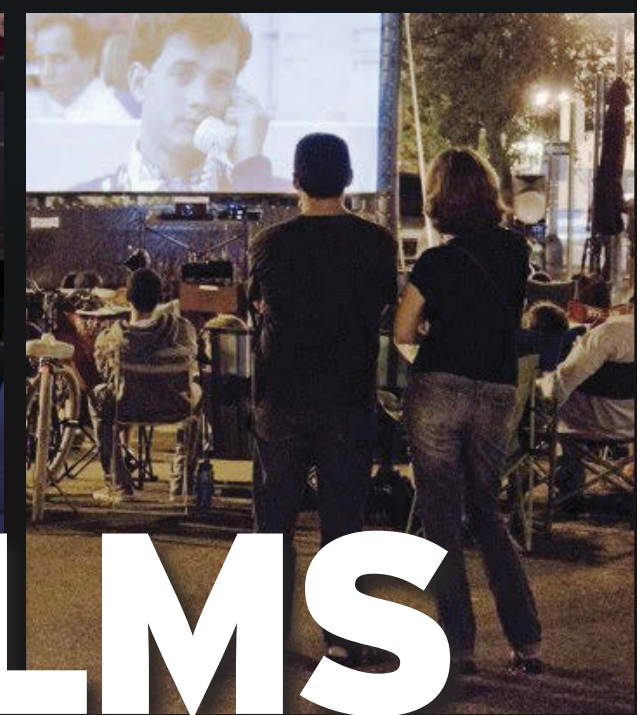

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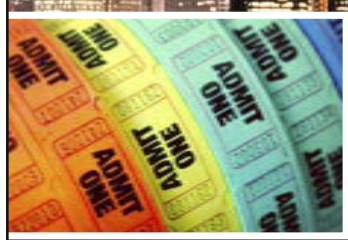

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**Kol Halev Cabaret: TBE**. 6–8 p.m.

**Fundraiser: BIC.** Honoring Eileen and Saul Hymans' 50 years at Beth Israel. 7 p.m.

## Monday 2

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS**. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon on Mondays–Fridays and 1–3 p.m. on Mondays–Thursdays at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email jessica@jfsannarbor.org. *Mondays.*

**Summer Story Hour: TBE**. 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**End of Year Celebration: BIC**. Keshet celebration. 6 p.m.

**Basic Judaism: TBE**. 7–8 p.m.

**Men's Torah Study: TBE**. 7:30–9 p.m.

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot: AAOM**. For details, contact ksavit@gmail.com. Midnight.

## Tuesday 3

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. Join Diane Dahl for Callanetics featuring muscle firming through stretching exercises synchronized to music. $12/members; $14 non-members. 9:30 a.m. Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar. Low impact exercise in a supportive environment. $4 per session or 3 sessions per month for $10; 11 a.m. Homemade Dairy Lunch Buffet. $3 per person; Noon. Games and Activities including mahjong and quilting, including making quilts for children of Mott Hospital; 1 p.m. For information, contact Noreen DeYoung at 971-0990 or email noreendeyoung@jccfed.org. *Tuesdays.*

**Paradigm Shift: Transformational Life Teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe: Chabad**. Six-session course offered by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. Course offered as part of series of local activities marking 20 years since the passing of "the Rebbe." Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson was a visionary religious leader who inspired countless individuals during his lifetime and established a global network of educational, social and religious institutions to revive the post-holocaust Jewish landscape. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** All ages and levels welcome including UM and non-UM participants. 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor of UM Michigan League. For information, call 936-2367. *Tuesdays.*

**Hebrew 104: TBE**. 5–6 p.m.

**Hebrew 101: TBE**. 5:30–6:30 p.m.

**Hebrew 103: TBE**. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**Shavuot Book Swap: TBE**. 7–8 p.m.

**Shavuot Song and Study: AARC**. Featuring exploration of the Book of Ruth through the lens of metaphor and the theme of marriage. Study of the text and commentary will follow a short program of thematic prayer and chants and potluck dessert reception. Event held in private home. For information, see www.aarecon.org or contact Rabbi Michal Woll at 845-2361 or via email at ravmichal@aarecon. 7–9 p.m.

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study Session: TBE**. 8–10 p.m.

**Shavuot Services and Meal: Chabad**. Evening services followed by festive meal and all night learning. 8:30 p.m.

**Shavuot Maariv and Tikkun Leil: BIC**. 8:45 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad**. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 4

**Shavuot Shaharit Service: BIC**. 9:30 a.m.

**Shavuot Service: Chabad**. Morning services, reading of Ten Commandments and ice cream party for children at 9:45 a.m., followed by festive dairy meal for all.

**Shavuot Service and Lunch: TBE**. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Shavuot Lunch and Learn: BIC**. Noon.

**Shavuot Picnic: AAOM**. Meet in Burns Park. Bring picnic lunch and sports equipment. 1 p.m.

**Mahj: TBE**. Off-site from 1–3 p.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Shavuot Mincha: BIC**. 7:30 p.m.

**Shavuot Services: Chabad**. Afternoon and evening services. 8:30 p.m.

## Thursday 5

**Shavuot Shaharit Service: BIC**. Including Yizkor. 9:30 a.m.

**Shavuot Services: Chabad**. Morning service at 9:45 a.m. Yizkor at 11 a.m.

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. Join Diane Dahl for Callanetics featuring muscle firming through stretching exercises synchronized to music. $12/members; $14 non-members. 9:30 a.m. Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar. $4 per session or 3 sessions per month for $10; 10 a.m. Current Events; 11 a.m. Homemade Dairy Lunch Buffet. $3 per person; Noon. JCC Adult Programs' monthly birthday celebrations. For information, phone Noreen DeYoung at 971-0990 or email noreendeyoung@jccfed.org. *Thursdays.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE**. 4–7 p.m.

**Confirmation Dinner and Blessing: TBE**. 6–8:30 p.m.

**Shavuot Mincha: BIC.** 7:30 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC**. *Thursdays. See June 5.*

**Shavuot Services: Chabad**. Afternoon and evening services. 8:30 p.m.

## Friday 6

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC.** Green Things Farm will offer local, organic farm shares delivered to the JCC. Fresh vegetables available every Friday through August 29. For information or to sign up for a share sized for a small family or two adults at $340 per share, visit www.greenthingsfarm.com. *Fridays.*

**Rabbi's Lunch and Learn: TBE**. Informal discussion. Participants are welcome to bring lunch. 12:30–1:30 p.m.

**Brotherhood BBQ Dinner: TBE**. 6–7:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE.** Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Shabbat Service and Confirmation Shabbat with Kol Halev at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 7

**Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE**. 8:50 a.m.

**TNT Shabbat Potluck in the Arb: TBE.** Off-site. 1–3 p.m.

**Shabbat services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 8

**Brotherhood Limudim: TBE**. 10 a.m.–noon.

**SAC Annual Retreat: TBE**. Off-site. 10 a.m.–noon.

**Annual Brunch and Volunteer Appreciation: JCC**. Celebrating past year's success and honoring outgoing board members and volunteers. Voting for new slate of nominees for the board of directors. Families welcome. Childcare and children's programming available with advance notice. RSVP by phone at 971-0990.

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad.** Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

**Annual Congregational Meeting: BIC**. 7 p.m.

## Monday 9

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS.** *Mondays. See June 2.*

**Summer Story Hour: TBE**. 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Keshet Classes: BIC.** Final exams. 6 p.m.

## Tuesday 10

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Tuesdays. See June 3.*

**Paradigm Shift: Transformational Life Teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe: Chabad**. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See June 3.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See June 3.*

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## Wednesday 11

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Hebrew 101: TBE.** 5:30–6:30 p.m.

**Hebrew 103: TBE**. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**Annual Meeting: TBE**. 7–9 p.m.

## Thursday 12

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Thursdays. See June 5.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE**. 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC**. *Thursdays. See June 5.*

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad**. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study of the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

## Friday 13

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC**. *See June 6.*

**Rabbi's Lunch and Learn: TBE**. 12:30–1:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE**. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Shabbat Service and Anniversary/Birthday Shabbat. 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 14

**Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE**. 8:50 a.m.

**Shabbat Limmud: BIC**. 9 a.m.

**Shabbat Morning Service: AARC**. Participative community service integrates traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary English readings, including Torah service and discussion. Led by Rabbi Michal Woll. For information, phone 845-2361 or email ravmichal@aarecon.org. Held at the JCC. 10 a.m.–Noon.

**Tot Shabbat: BIC**. 11:15 a.m.

**Shabbat services:** *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 15

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad.** Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

## Monday 16

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS**. *Mondays. See June 2.*

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC**. Robotics teaches kids a variety of skills, from engineering to programming to working together in a team to solve problems. Children in Grades K–5 will build and program LEGO robots during this multiple-day camp. Middle and high schoolers welcome as helpers at no cost. $240/JCC members; $290/non-members. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. For information, contact Ethan Krasnow at 971-0990 or by email at ethankrasnow@jccfed.org. *Through June 20.*

**Summer Story Hour: TBE**. 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4–8:30 p.m.

**Men's Torah Study: TBE.** 7:30–9 p.m.

## Tuesday 17

**Paradigm Shift–Transformational Life Teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe: Chabad.** 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See June 3.*

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Tuesdays. See June 3.*

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC**. *See June 16.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See June 3.*

**Genesis Annual Meeting: TBE**. 6:30–8 p.m.

**Spirituality Book Club with Cantor Rose: TBE**. 7:30–8:30 p.m.

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad**. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 18

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC**. *See June 16.*

**Mahj: TBE**. Off-site. 1–3 p.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Memoir Writing Workshop: JCC.** For beginners or practiced writers. Join author Ilana Blumberg for an evening of writing and reading memoir. The seminar will look at two examples and practice writing of some of your own real life stories with guidance and feedback. 10-person minimum. Registration required by June 4. $55 by June 4; $65 afterwards. For more information or to register, call 971-0990 or email karenfreedland@jccfed.org. 6–9 p.m.

## Thursday 19

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Thursdays. See June 5.*

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC**. *See June 16.*

**Spirituality Book Club with Cantor Rose: TBE**. Noon–1 p.m.

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE**. 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC.** *Thursdays. See June 5.*

**Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad**. 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See June 5.*

## Friday 20

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC.** *See June 6.*

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC**. *See June 16.*

**Rabbi's Lunch and Learn: TBE**. 12:30–1:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE**. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

# Calendar

## Saturday 21

**Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE.** 8:50–9:50 a.m.

**Shabbat services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 22

**Shmita Study Group: AARC**. Group meets on fourth Sunday mornings at the JCC from January–June. Group delves into the sources and contemporary relevance of Sabbatical/Shmita with lively dialogue on personal, social, communal and environmental transformations. Held at the JCC. For information, phone 445-1910 or email Marcy Epstein at dr_marcy@hotmail.com. 10–11:30 a.m.

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad**. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

## Monday 23

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS**. *Mondays. See June 2.*

**Summer Story Hour: TBE.** 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4–8:30 p.m.

**Sit n' Knit: TBE Sisterhood**. Off-site from 7:30–8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 24

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Tuesdays. See June 3.*

**Paradigm Shift–Transformational Life Teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe: Chabad**. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *See June 3.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See June 3.*

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad**. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 25

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Thursday 26

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Thursdays. See June 5.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE.** 4–7 p.m.

**Mahj: TBE. Off-site**. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC**. *Thursdays. See June 5.*

**Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad**. 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See June 5.*

## Friday 27

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC**. *Fridays. See June 6.*

**Rabbi's Lunch and Learn: TBE**. Informal discussion. Participants are welcome to bring lunch. 12:30–1:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE**. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Shabbat Service with Kol Halev and Bar Mitzvah at 7:30 p.m.

**Fourth Friday Shabbat: AARC**. Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services are held at the JCC and are led by Rabbi Michal Woll. Services followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner. Pizza nosh for children before services at 6 p.m. and childcare provided during services from 6:30–7:45 p.m. Reservations requested for pizza and childcare. Leave a message at 445-1910 or email info@aarecon.org. 6:30–9 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 28

**Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE**. 8:50 a.m.

**Shabbat Limmud: BIC**. 9 a.m.

**Tot Shabbat: BIC**. 11:15 a.m.

**Shabbat services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 29

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad**. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

## Monday 30

**Summer Story Hour: TBE**. 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

# July 2014

## Tuesday 1

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. Join Diane Dahl for Callanetics featuring muscle firming through stretching exercises synchronized to music. $12/members; $14 non-members. 9:30 a.m. Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar. Low impact exercise in a supportive environment. $4 per session or 3 sessions per month for $10; 11 a.m. Homemade Dairy Lunch Buffet. $3 per person; Noon. Games and Activities including mahjong and quilting, including making quilts for children of Mott Hospital; 1 p.m. For information, contact Noreen DeYoung at 971-0990 or email noreendeyoung@jccfed.org. *Tuesdays.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** All ages and levels welcome including UM and non-UM participants. 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor of UM Michigan League. For information, call 936-2367. *Tuesdays.*

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad**. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 2

**Mahj: TBE**. Off-site from 1–3 p.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Thursday 3

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. Join Diane Dahl for Callanetics featuring muscle firming through stretching exercises synchronized to music. $12/members; $14 non-members. 9:30 a.m. Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar. $4 per session or 3 sessions per month for $10; 10 a.m. Current Events; 11 a.m. Homemade Dairy Lunch Buffet. $3 per person; Noon. JCC Adult Programs' monthly birthday celebrations on first Thursday of the month. For information, phone Noreen DeYoung at 971-0990 or email noreendeyoung@jccfed.org. *Thursdays.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE**. 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC**. Easy and oldies from 7:30–8:30 p.m. Intermediate and requests from 8:30–10 p.m. $5 per class. Students and children free. Learn the latest Israeli dances, line dances, mixers and more. Families welcome. *Thursdays.*

**Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad**. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study of the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

## Friday 4

**Barchu and BBQ Dinner: BIC**. 6 p.m.

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE**. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 5

**Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE**. 8:50 a.m.

**T-Shirt Shabbat: BIC**. 9:30 a.m.

**Shabbat services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 6

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad.** Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

## Monday 7

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS.** Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon on Mondays–Fridays and 1–3 p.m. on Mondays–Thursdays at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email jessica@jfsannarbor.org. *Ongoing.*

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 8

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Tuesdays. See July 1.*

**Yiddish Tish:** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See July 1.*

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad**. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 9

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Dinner and Performance: JCC**. Evening of musical entertainment with the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan's free performance at 7 p.m. Dinner precedes at 6 p.m. $10 per person/JCC members; $15 for non-members. RSVP at JCC front desk or by phone at 971-0990. Registration deadline is July 7.

## Thursday 10

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Thursdays. See July 3.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE**. 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC.** *Thursdays. See July 3.*

**Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad**. 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See July 3.*

## Friday 11

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC.** Green Things Farm will offer local, organic farm shares delivered to the JCC. Fresh vegetables available every Friday. For information or to sign up for a share sized for a small family or two adults at $340 per share, visit www.greenthingsfarm.com. *Fridays through August 29.*

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE**. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Summer Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 12

**Tot Shabbat: BIC**. 11:15 a.m.

**Pre-Baseball Game Dinner: TBE Brotherhood and Sisterhood**. Off-site from 5–7 p.m.

**Baseball Game Outing: TBE Brotherhood and Sisterhood.** Toledo Mud Hens versus Pawtucket Red Sox. Off-site at 7 p.m.

**Shabbat services:** *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 13

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad**. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

## Monday 14

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS.** *Ongoing. See July 7.*

**Summer Story Hour: TBE.** 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 15

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Tuesdays. See July 1.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group).** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See July 1.*

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad**. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 16

**Mahj: TBE. Off-site.** 1–3 p.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE**. 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Thursday 17

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Thursdays. See July 3.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE**. 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC**. *Thursdays. See July 3.*

**Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad**. 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See July 3.*

## Friday 18

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC**. *Fridays through August 29. See July 11.*

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE.** Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 19

**Shabbat services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 20

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## Monday 21

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS**. *Ongoing. See July 7.*

**Summer Story Hour: TBE**. 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4–8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 22

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs**. *Tuesdays. See July 1.*

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## Thursday 24

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**Israeli Dancing: JCC.** *Thursdays. See July 3.*

**Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See July 3.*

## Friday 25

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC.** *Fridays through August 29. See July 11.*

**Shlomo Carlbach Friday Night Service: BIC.** 6 p.m.

**Fourth Friday Shabbat: AARC.** Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services are held at the JCC and are led by Rabbi Michal Woll. Services followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner. Pizza nosh for children before services at 6 p.m. and childcare provided during services from 6:15–7:30 p.m. Reservations requested for pizza and childcare. Leave a message at 445-1910 or email info@aarecon.org. 6–10 p.m.

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## Saturday 26

**Tot Shabbat: BIC.** 11:15 a.m.

**Shabbat services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 27

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## Monday 28

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS.** *Ongoing. See July 7.*

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Sit n' Knit: TBE Sisterhood.** 4–7 p.m.

## Tuesday 29

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Tuesdays. See July 1.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See July 1.*

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## Wednesday 30

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Thursday 31

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Thursdays. See July 3.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE.** 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC.** *Thursdays. See July 3.*

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## Saturday 2

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**Summer Story Hour: TBE.** 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Tisha B'Av Maariv**: BIC. 9 p.m.

**Tisha B'Av Maariv: Chabad.** 9:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 5

**Tisha B'Av Morning Services: Chabad.** 7:30 a.m.

**Tisha B'Av Shaharit: BIC.** 8 a.m.

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** Join Diane Dahl for Callanetics featuring muscle firming through stretching exercises synchronized to music. $12/members; $14 non-members. 9:30 a.m. Energy Exercise with Maria Farquhar. Low impact exercise in a supportive environment. $4 per session or 3 sessions per month for $10; 11 a.m. Homemade Dairy Lunch Buffet. $3 per person; Noon. Games and Activities including mahjong and quilting, including making quilts for children of Mott Hospital; 1 p.m. For information, contact Noreen DeYoung at 971-0990 or email noreendeyoung@jccfed.org. *Tuesdays.*

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**Tisha B'Av Mincha: BIC.** 2:30 p.m.

**Tisha B'Av Evening Services: Chabad.** 8 p.m.

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## Wednesday 6

**Mahj: TBE.** Off-site from 1–3 p.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Thursday 7

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## Friday 8

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC.** *Fridays through August 29. See August 1.*

**Shabbat in the Park: BIC.** 6 p.m.

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE.** Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services:** *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 9

**Tot Shabbat: BIC.** 11:15 a.m.

**Shabbat services:** *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 10

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad.** Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

## Monday 11

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS.** *Ongoing. See August 4.*

**Summer Story Hour:** TBE. 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 12

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Tuesdays. See August 5.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group).** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See August 5.*

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 13

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## Thursday 14

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Thursdays. See August 7.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE.** 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC.** *Thursdays. See August .*

**Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See August 7.*

## Friday 15

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC.** *Fridays through August 29. See August 1.*

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE.** Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 16

**Brotherhood Members Brunch: TBE Brotherhood.** 10–11:30 a.m.

**Shabbat services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 17

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad.** Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

## Monday 18

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS.** *Ongoing. See August 4.*

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC.** For children in grades K–5. Middle and high school helpers welcome at no extra cost. Cost is $240 for JCC members; $290 for non-members. For information, contact Ethan Krasnow at 971-0990 or email ethankrasnow@jccfed.org. Children are the natural storytellers and this weeklong camp gives them the medium to bring their stories to life. Using LEGO, kids will learn how to develop an idea, create characters, storyboard scenes, build backgrounds, time sequence shots, and put ill together with music and green screen effects to create their own animated movie they get to take home. *Through August 22.*

**Summer Story Hour: TBE.** 10–11 a.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4–8:30 p.m.

## Tuesday 19

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC.** *Through August 22. See August 18.*

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Tuesdays. See August 5.*

**Yiddish Tish:** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See August 5.*

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 20

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC.** *Through August 22. See August 18.*

**Mahj: TBE. Off-site.** 1–3 p.m.

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

## Thursday 21

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC.** *Through August 22. See August 18.*

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Thursdays. See August 7.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE.** 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC.** *Thursdays. See August 7.*

**Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad.** 8 p.m. *Thursdays. See August 7.*

## Friday 22

**KidZone Summer Fun Days: JCC.** *Through August 22. See August 18.*

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC.** *Fridays through August 29. See August 8.*

**Kick-Off BBQ: AARC.** The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation hosts its end of summer BBQ at Bandemer Park as a way to celebrate the end of the season as well as to prepare to begin a new Jewish year. Bring something to grill and something to share and reconnect with friends new and old as children play soccer, capture the flag, or hide and seek. The group will end the evening around a campfire with songs and s'mores. For information, leave a message at 445-1910 or email info@aarecon.org. 4–9 p.m.

**Fourth Friday Shabbat: AARC.** Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services are held at the JCC and are led by Rabbi Michal Woll. Services followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner. Pizza nosh for children before services at 6 p.m. and childcare provided during services from 6:15–7:30 p.m. Reservations requested for pizza and childcare. Leave a message at 445-1910 or email info@aarecon.org. 6–10 p.m.

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE.** Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Barchu and BBQ: BIC.** 6 p.m.

**Friday evening services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 23

**B'nai Mitzvah: TBE.** 10–11:30 a.m.

**Tot Shabbat: BIC.** 11:15 a.m.

**Shabbat services**: *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 24

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad.** Delve into the

basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

**Congregational Picnic: TBE.** Off-site. 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

## Monday 25

**English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS.** *Ongoing. See August 4.*

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Sit n' Knit: TBE Sisterhood.** 4–7 p.m.

## Tuesday 26

**Tuesdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Tuesdays. See August 5.*

**Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group):** 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays. See August 5.*

**Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad.** Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

## Wednesday 27

**Shalom Gever: TBE.** 4:30–8:30 p.m.

**High School BBQ: BIC.** 6 p.m.

## Thursday 28

**Thursdays at the JCC: JCC Adult Programs.** *Thursdays. See August 7.*

**Back Door Food Pantry: TBE.** 4–7 p.m.

**Israeli Dancing: JCC.** *Thursdays. See August 7.*

## Friday 29

**Green Things Farm at the JCC: JCC.** *Fridays through August 29. See August 1.*

**Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE.** Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Welcome Back Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday evening services:** *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Saturday 30

**Bat Mitzvah: TBE.** 10–11:30 a.m.

**Shabbat services:** *See listing at end of calendar.*

## Sunday 31

**Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad.** Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Sundays.*

### Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

**Shabbat Service: AAOM.** Services held at UM Hillel. Call 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

**Shabbat Service: BIC.** 6 p.m.

**Shabbat Service: TBE.** Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 665-4744.

**Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation.** 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the fourth Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aarecon.org.

**Shabbat Service: Chabad.** Begins at candle-lighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call 995-3276 in advance.

### Weekly Shabbat services

**Shabbat Services: AAOM.** Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

**Shabbat Services: BIC.** 9:30 a.m. Morning childcare from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

**Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Congregation.** Morning services held the second Saturday of each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon integrating traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings including Torah service and discussion. A morning of songs and text study takes place the first Saturday of each month. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

**Shabbat Services: Chabad.** Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown. Call 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

**Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah.** Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

**Shabbat Services: TBE.** Torah Study with Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Delson and lay leaders at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

**Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: AAOM.** Call 662-5805 in advance.

**Home Hospitality and Meals: Chabad.** Every Shabbat and Holiday. Call 995-3276 in advance.

### Frequently listed phone numbers and addresses of organizations:

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)
1429 Hill Street 994-5822

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
P.O. Box 7451, Ann Arbor 913-9705

Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897

Chabad House
715 Hill Street 995-3276

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 971-0990

Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 975-9872

Jewish Family Services (JFS)
2245 South State Street 769-0209

Jewish Federation
2939 Birch Hollow Drive 677-0100

Pardes Hannah
2010 Washtenaw Ave. 761-5324

Temple Beth Emeth (TBE)
2309 Packard Road 665-4744

UM Hillel
1429 Hill Street 769-0500

### Shabbat Candlelighting

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| June 6 | 8:48 p.m. |
| June 13 | 8:52 p.m. |
| June 20 | 8:54 p.m. |
| June 27 | 8:55 p.m. |
| July 4 | 8:54 p.m. |
| July 1 | 8:51 p.m. |
| July 18 | 8:47 p.m. |
| July 25 | 8:41 p.m. |
| August 1 | 8:33 p.m. |
| August 8 | 8:24 p.m. |
| August 15 | 8:14 p.m. |
| August 22 | 8:04 p.m. |
| August 29 | 7:52 p.m. |

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Tuesday, June 10, 8 PM

David Lindley
Wednesday, June 11, 8 PM

Josh White Jr
Saturday, June 14, 8 PM

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Sunday, June15, 7:30 PM

Carolina Chocolate Drops
Wednesday, June 18, 8 PM

May Erlewine
"Where We Are"
album release concert
Friday, June 20, 8 PM

Billy Joe Shaver
Saturday, July 5, 8 PM

Marcia Ball
Saturday, July 12, 8 PM

Hot Club of Detroit
Friday, July 25, 8 PM

Bill Kirchen
Thursday, July 31, 8 PM

The Krueger Brothers
Friday, August 1, 8 PM

Mustard's Retreat
Saturday, August 2, 8 PM

Joshua Davis &
Rachael Davis
(no relation)
Thursday, August 14, 8 PM

San, Emily & Jacob
Saturday, August 16, 8 PM

Ray Bonneville
Thursday, August 21, 8 PM

Liz Story & Lisa Downing
Wednesday, August 27, 8 PM

Ramblin' Jack Elliott
Monday, September 8, 8 PM

The Second City
Friday, September 26, 8 PM
Saturday, September 27, 8 PM

SPECIAL EVENTS
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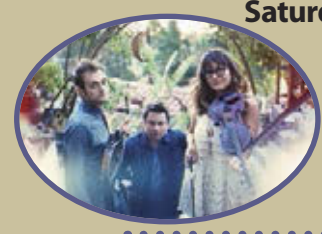

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### *Mazel tov*

Elena and Nancy Weissman, on their marriage, April 10.
Judy and Paul Freedman, on the birth of their granddaughter, April 19.
Ava Adler and Burt Steinberg, on the birth of their granddaughter, April 21.
Lesley and Richard Hume, on the birth of their granddaughter, April 27.
Grace Chinitz, on her bat mitzvah, June 7.
Carley Curtis, on her bat mitzvah, June 7.
Jacalyn Wasserman on her bat mitzvah, June 7.
Mara Metler on her bat mitzvah, June 14.
Zachary Stein-Perlman, on his bar mitzvah, June 14.
Sofia Berenfeld, on her bat mitzvah, June 21.
Gaya Pedersen on her bat mitzvah, June 21.
Dana Steiner on her bat mitzvah, June 21.
Jonah Eichner on his bar mitzvah, June 27.
Zachary Endahl, on his bar mitzvah, June 27.
Aviva Satz-Kojis, on her bat mitzvah, June 28.
Sylvie Carmel on her bat mitzvah, August 16.
Benjamin Sherrick on his bar mitzvah, August 30.
Nicole Sherrick on her bat mitzvah, August 30.

### *Condolences*

Judy Freedman, on the death of her sister, Jane M. MacInnis, April 18.
Robyn Rontal on the death of her husband, Rubin Rontal, April 21.
Janet Weiss, on the death of her father, Malcolm Weiss, April 25.
Carol Segall, on the death of her husband, and Thomas Segall, on the death of his brother, John Segall, May 4.

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**Wine Tasting at the Roadhouse**
**Tues., June 24, 6-7:30pm $25**
Wine-making in Hungary started with the Romans. Come taste and learn about a variety of red and white wines steeped in ancient tradition. Paired with appetizers specially selected by Gábor and Carolyn.

**Home Cooking Demonstration & Storytelling at the Bakehouse**
**Wed., June 25, 6-8pm, $40**
Gábor and Carolyn share stories of living through many changes in the Hungarian political climate since WWII as they demonstrate how to prepare their favorite childhood foods.

**Hungarian Feast at Zingerman's Events on Fourth**
**Thurs., June 26, 6-8pm • $60**
A multi-course meal prepared by Zingerman's Delicatessen chef and co-managing partner, Rodger Bowser, with stories and discussions with Gábor and Carolyn.

Go to zingermanscommunity.com/events for info or to reserve your spot!

# JFS Summer Guide to Events and Services

## Free Summer Events:

**Issues for Aging Series:**
"Understanding Depression, Memory Loss & Dementia in Older Adults"
Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the JCC
Presenter: Stephen M. Aronson MD

"Why Should I Have an Advance Directive?"
Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the JCC
Presenter: Diane Fenske, LMSW

**Caregiver Conversations Support Group:**
The Third Thursday of the month: June 19, July 17, and August 21, 6:30 PM at the JCC

**For more information on all of the above contact Diane Fenske, LMSW (734)769-0209 or diane@jfsannarbor.org**

**World Refugee Day Event:**
The community is invited to attend on Friday, June 20, 2014
The University of Michigan School of Social Work
Educational Conference Center, 1080 S. University, Ann Arbor

**11:00 am-12:00 pm:** Discussion of refugee services and issues
**12:00 pm-3:00 pm:** Family celebration with food, activities for children and adults and presentations by new refugees
(Suggested donation of $10)

**For more information call (734)769-0209 or email Shrina Patel at shrina@jfsannarbor.org or Kate Papachristou at katepapa@jfsannarbor.org**

## Education & Services:

**Jewish Family Life Education:**
New Moms Group: *Begins July 10*
2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 11am-12pm at the JCC
New moms socialize and support each other in a baby-friendly group environment. Most appropriate for moms of children 0-12months old. Suggested donation $5/session to benefit the JFS Specialty Food Pantry (early childhood items)

"Beyond Yahrzeit: Building Family Traditions to Remember and Celebrate Our Loved Ones." Coming this summer.
Check JFS website for details.

**For more information and to register for upcoming Jewish Family Life Education events contact Sarah Schneider Hong, LMSW (734)-769-0209 or sarah.hong@jfsannarbor.org**

**Services:**
**Counseling** for individuals, couples and families. In-home counseling available. We accept Medicare and most major insurances. Accredited by CARF International

**Older Adult Services** including transportation, caregiver consultation, caregiver conversations support group, Partners in Care Concierge medical accompaniment, in-home counseling, case management

**Employment Services**

**Crisis Management Support/Food Pantry**

**Volunteer Opportunities Available**

## Wish Lists:

**JFS Food Pantry:**
Non-perishable meats, fruits and vegetables, beans, rice, peanut butter and other staples, powdered milk, juice

Personal Hygiene Items including soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body lotion combs, brushes, sunscreen, deodorant, baby wipes, unopened packages of adult or children's diapers

Household cleaning supplies including dish and laundry detergent, household cleaners, sponges, Lysol, fabric softener

Gift cards in $15-$25 increments to grocery stores, pharmacies or big box stores

**JFS Resettlement Services:**
Household Furniture:
Beds and mattresses, dining tables and chairs, small sofas, lamps, tables, dressers, desks, bookcases

**Kitchen Items:**
Dishes, silverware, glasses, pots and pans, utensils
Linen: sheets towels, dishtowels, blankets, hangers

**To make a donation to JFS or for more information, please contact Cindy Klein: cindyk@jfsannarbor.org or 734-769-0209**

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